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Source: CNMI Department of Public Health, World Health Organization

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Sablan

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos were directed yesterday to release documents that show how the CNMI government is paying for the lawsuit it filed against the federal government to oppose federalization.

In a decision issued yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman ordered Fitial and Inos to provide Rep. Tina Sablan with documents showing how much taxpayers money had been spent, how much U.S.-based law firm Jenner and Block is billing the CNMI, and the identity of the source

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At least $5M investment for La Fiesta

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Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Bridge Capital LLC chief executive officer John K. Baldwin hold a giant replica of a check totaling $17,500 as Bridge Capital's donations to 15 schools and community organizations in the Governor's Conference Room on Capital Hill yesterday.

Bridge Capital donates $17,500 for 15 schools, groups

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Bridge Capital LLC chief executive officer John K. Baldwin said yesterday they will be investing a minimum of $5 million to revitalize the long-vacant La Fiesta Mall in San Roque that will consist mainly of video lottery games, along with restaurants, shops and other tourist attractions.

An international investment banking firm

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DESPITE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

Most health insurers see minor impact from crisis

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The economic downturn has had varying degrees of impact on health clinics and health insurance providers on Saipan. For the most part, many clinics and insurance providers have been unaffected, and patients with private health insurance are maintaining it.

Ernie Lacorte, office manager at Seventh Day Adventist Clinic, said Monday that the clinic has experienced zero impact from the economic downturn. Nor has their been a change in the last year in the number of patients with pri-

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DEAN CABRERA QUITS NMC

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After almost a decade with the Northern Marianas College, Dr. Debra Cabrera has opted to leave the institution "to seek personal and professional growth."

Cabrera, who is the dean of Academic and Student Services, joined NMC in 2001.

Cabrera confirmed her resignation yesterday after meeting with her department chairs.

"I am proud of our students and faculty at NMC. I taught at two universities and I will say that our NMC students could compete anywhere in the world,"

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Impact of garment's demise varies for Saipan clinics

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Private health clinics on Saipan experienced varying degrees of impact from the exodus of the garment industry.

"It has had a major effect on us," said Bob Scruggs, office manager at Saipan Health Clinic, yesterday. Due to the requirement for nonresident workers to obtain annual physicals, Scruggs said that with about 15,000 employees in the industry, SHC gave several hundred workers physicals each month.

"It's not big money," he said, noting that each physical cost $40-$50. But the sheer number of visits means that Saipan Health Clinic has seen a considerable decrease in business since the factories began leaving.

SHC is not the only clinic that has suffered.

"Since the factories left, there has been a big decrease in the number of patients," said Doris Formalay, accountant at Island Medical Center, on Wednesday.

But while some clinics have been negatively affected by the industry's demise, others have seen little to no impact.

Ernie Lacorte, office manager at Seventh Day Adventist Clinic, said on Monday that business had not really been affected by the industry's collapse.

Tom Linden, office manager at Medical Associates of the Pacific, had an even more positive view.

"It's probably helped our bottom line," he said on Tuesday. Because the clinic does not have its own lab or x-ray, MAP was only earning $2-3 for every physical it performed, he said.

Linden said that MAP saw eight to 10 nonresident patients per month last year, and that approximation has decreased to two to three.

"That's perfectly fine," he said.

House panel: No telling yet whether to hold oversight on CRM, other regulatory agencies

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House Committee on Natural Resources chair Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said there is no telling yet whether the panel will recommend an oversight hearing on the Coastal Resources Management and other environmental regulatory agencies regarding their handling of the Marpi land clearing project.

He said committee members are still reviewing the responses to the panel's 15 questions on the project, which were submitted on Tuesday by CRM director John Joyner.

"There has to be consensus among committee members whether to recommend to the full House an oversight hearing on these agencies," said Tebuteb. "We are still looking at what route to take."

Ampro, under contract with the Department of Public Lands, is clearing unexploded World War II ordnance from 60 hectares of public lands in Marpi. DPL received brownfields grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the cleanup.

In a May 18 meeting with regulatory agencies, committee members said CRM and the Division of Environmental Quality may have violated their own regulations by allowing the land clearing without a major siting permit, the requirements for which CRM waived on May 16.

Joyner, in his response letter dated June 15, said CRM did not make an official determination that the Marpi project constituted a major siting under CRM regulations.

He said CRM was uncertain of the scope of the project and wanted DPL to submit a CRM application to clarify the nature of the project.

"DPL did not submit the application; the Marpi project was not sent to the CRM Agency Officials for review," Joyner told Tebuteb in his nine-page letter with a five-page attachment.

The committee asked who is authorized to determine whether or not a project constitutes a major siting, to which Joyner said the CRM Agency Officials, more commonly referred to as the CRM board members.

Over the years, however, CRM Agency Officials have delegated this authority to the CRM Office, Joyner said.

"Given the large number of projects developed in the CNMI each year, it is impracticable for Agency Officials to meet and review hundreds of potential projects each year," he added.

Joyner said CRM became aware that land clearing had begun in Marpi on or about March 30, under the authority of a One Start earthmoving permit, without a CRM permit application and without a CRM permit.

He said CRM sent inspectors to the site, and CRM met with DEQ to discuss the matter and be briefed on mitigation measures already required by the Division of Fish and Wildlife and other measures required by DEQ and the Historic Preservation Office included in the One Start permit.

The House committee also asked Joyner why CRM waived the requirements for a CRM permit or permit application on May 16. Joyner said after reviewing the limitations and mitigation measures already in place for the project which was in progress, CRM determined that it no longer made practical sense for DPL to submit a permit application.

Joyner referred to the 22 general conditions from DEQ in DPL's One Start permit, including those for temporary erosion and sediment control, 13 conditions from DFW including voluntary conservation measures, and eight conditions from HPO.

"With all these conditions, there was little more that CRM could do to ensure that this ongoing project, which showed itself to only involve land clearing, would be environmentally sound," Joyner said.

He added that CRM looked at all of the facts surrounding the matter and found that CRM policies would not be served by requiring an after-the-fact permit application. This was in response to the committee's question on under what authority the is CRM director able to waive the requirement for a permit or permit application.

June is NMI-RP Friendship Month

Acting Gov. Eloy. S. Inos inked yesterday a proclamation designating June as CNMI-Philippine Friendship Month to recognize the shared history and culture of the people of both nations.

The CNMI and the Philippines similarly went through centuries of Spanish rule and decades of American colonial administration and years of Japanese occupation.

The proclamation also recognized the enrichment made by the Filipinos to the island culture, which became part of local families. Many interracial marriages resulted in a widespread blending of native cuisines, religious practices, cultures and customs.

Filipinos comprise one of the largest ethnic groups in the CNMI and share many of the Spanish surnames and racial characteristics as indigenous residents.

In line with this proclamation, the Philippines is currently celebrating the month of June as part of their Independence Day celebration.

They also celebrate the 148th birthday of their national hero Dr. Jose Rizal today (June 19) and the City of Manila is celebrating June 24 as the 438th anniversary of its founding by the Spanish conquistador, Miguel Lopez De Legazpi.

The Philippines is also celebrating on June 30 the commemoration of the Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day. ***(Nazario Rodriguez Jr.)***

Ex-NMC employee sues Retirement Fund

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A former employee of the Northern Marianas College filed yesterday a lawsuit in federal court against the CNMI government and the NMI Retirement Fund over the denial of her retirement benefits.

Malinda S. Matson also named as defendants the Fund's board of trustees chair Juan T. Guerrero, Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon and Fund trustees Pedro Q. Dela Cruz, Adelina C. Roberto, Marian DLG. Tudela, Francisco P. Rosario, Bernadita C. Palacios, Sixto K. Igisomar, and Dicta C. Tenorio.

Matson is now residing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Matson, through lawyer Richard W. Pierce, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order the defendants to pay her damages, court costs, attorney's fees, expert fees, and interest.

Matson asked the court to issue an order declaring that the denial of her retirement benefits violates the guarantees of equal protection and due process and the right to be free from arbitrary and capricious government action, and unreasonable seizure—all protected by the U.S. Constitution.

She also asked the court to prevent the current trustees and Aguon from refusing to process her application for retirement benefits.

Matson served the CNMI government as an employee with over 25 years Class II vested membership service in the government retirement system. She worked for the government until Jan. 2, 2009, when she retired from service.

She then applied for a service retirement annuity due her under the government's retirement system. The Fund certified that Matson had met the required service to be eligible for retirement benefits, Pierce said.

In April 2009, Pierce said, the Fund refused to process Matson's application because the Department of Finance had not remitted to the Fund about $144,460 as its employer's share.

By law, any class II member of the government's retirement system who has 25 years of membership service may retire and be provided retirement benefits upon written application to the Fund's board of trustees.

The law, Pierce stressed, does not provide the board with any discretion in the matter.

By virtue of her payment of contributions to the Fund, he said, Matson received a vested interest in a contribution reserve account to the Fund.

As of Sept. 30, 2008, the vested account for Matson had a credit of $113,366.

The Fund provides retirement benefits to 3,000-plus recipients based upon the retirement system.

On Wednesday, former senator Thomas P. Villagomez sued the Fund for allegedly refusing to pay his retirement benefits.

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60 pct. of new graduates to pursue college, tech schools

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Over 60 percent of new public school graduates intend to go on to college or technical schools next semester, based on the recently conducted exit surveys in all public high schools.

According to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, the same survey show that 30 percent of new graduates will join the armed forces, with plans to go to college during or after their military career, while about 10 percent will immediately go into the workforce.

A total of 516 students recently graduated from five public high schools: 196 graduated early this month from Marianas High School; 141 from Kagman High; 99 from Saipan Southern High; 37 from Rota; and 43 from Tinian High School.

MHS principal Karen Borja yesterday said that, of this year's total graduates, 94 students, or 48 percent, will go on to college.

Thirty percent of the 94 students said they will enroll at Northern Marianas College while 18 percent will pursue degrees in off-island universities.

The MHS exit survey also showed that 45 students, or 23 percent, will pursue military careers while 51 students, which translates to 26 percent, expressed the need to immediately look for jobs after high school.

MHS also recorded a few students who will stay home and have other options after their graduation.

Compared to last school year's exit data, Borja said they noted a slight increase among those who want to go on to college and those who want to enter the military.

In SY 2007-2008, the oldest high school on island recorded 221 graduates, of which 27 percent planned to enroll at NMC while 22 percent will go off-island for their degrees.

Last school year, there were only 17 percent graduates who entered the military compared to this year's 23 percent.

Those who want to seek immediate employment also increased from previous year's record of 23 percent to this year's 26 percent.

The principal said the bad state of the economy may be a factor that contributed to the spike in the number of students who want to find jobs after high school.

MHS began this school year its "portfolio project," which was found effective in helping students organize and guide themselves in the direction they want to pursue after graduation.

MHS offers a number of vocational/technical courses for its senior students and has been conducting advanced placement classes to assist a greater number of students.

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of the money being used in the lawsuit against federalization.

"Revealing what amount the CNMI is being billed and the hourly rates of the attorneys in no way disadvantages the CNMI in the 903 lawsuit. Therefore, the nondisclosure is clearly unnecessary to protect a vital government interest," said Wiseman.

He said he is aware of the CNMI government's concern that this ruling will put the government lawsuit against the federal goverment at risk.

"However, this is a dramatized overstatement of the situation," Wiseman pointed out. "The government has failed to articulate why releasing documents—which reveal how much money taxpayers have spent, how much the CNMI is being billed, and the source of the money—will set a dangerous precedent or disadvantage the current lawsuit in any way."

Fitial

Wiseman ordered Fitial and Inos to release within 48 hours all requested documents—except the engagement letter and detailed invoices—to Sablan.

Sablan sued Fitial and Inos to compel the administration to disclose where it is getting the money to fund the lawsuit against federalization.

Fitial and Inos, through counsel Brad Huesman, had argued that forcing the CNMI to release sensitive information that the federal government is not entitled to contravene the purpose of a statute that deals with litigation exceptions to the Open Government Act.

Wiseman heard the case last June 4. Sablan appeared without a lawyeer. Huesman appeared for Fitial and Inos.

In his written ruling, Wiseman determined that nondisclosure of the financial information such as summarized billing invoices, vouchers, memos, and governor's account ledger is clearly unnecessary to the government's litigation rights.

However, he ruled that detailed portions of the billing invoices are not subject to disclosure.

Revelation of this information, which would ultimately be available to the opposition in the 903 lawsuit, could seriously disadvantage the government in its lawsuit, he said.

The detailed billing invoices reveal details of research, written work, case planning, summations of attorney's work product and legal opinions, and reveals internal correspondence.

As for the engagement letter, Wiseman said he cannot conclude if the revelation of the letter is unnecessary to protect a vital government function. The letter includes Jenner and Block's definition of the issues, general strategy statements, and estimations of success in the 903 lawsuit.

Wiseman noted that unlike the financial information contained in the other documents, this type of information could create a tactical advantage for the U.S. in the federalization lawsuit.

Further, he said, unlike the other requested information, the information contained in the engagement letter are matters that are secret and not normally or already available to the public.

"The engagement letter is not discoverable and not subject to disclosure based on court discretion," Wiseman said.

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vate health insurance, he said.

Tom Linden, office manager at Medical Associates of the Pacific, said the clinic has not been negatively impacted by the recession.

"It certainly hasn't affected their coming up for health care," he said on Tuesday. "Revenue is up 20 percent."

About 96-97 percent of patients at MAP have private health insurance, said Linden. That percentage has not changed in the past year.

Bob Scruggs, office manager of Saipan Health Clinic, had a similar view.

"I really haven't noticed any change," Scruggs said on Wednesday, in regard to patients' use of private health insurance.

"I'll tell you what I have noticed," Scruggs continued. "If a husband and wife are working and making good money, and their child gets a runny nose, they'll immediately come in. But if one or both of them have lost their jobs, and their child gets a runny nose, they'll run to Joeten to get [cold medicine]."

But like SDAC and MAP, Scruggs said that SHC has not been hurt by the economic downturn.

"It hasn't really had an effect," said Scruggs. "I think it's because the government really hasn't laid off many people."

Unemployment is often correlated with decreased consumer spending on health care, including private health insurance.

Health insurance

Health insurance companies generally painted a similarly positive view of the situation.

Despite the economy, Eli Buenaventura, general manager of Calvo's Insurance said yesterday that the company is in the same position in 2009 as it was in 2008.

"Like any other business, we win some, we lose some," he said. "It's a merry-go-round. But generally, we have the same number [of customers] compared to last year."

However, if the economic crisis stretches on, Buenaventura said the quality of healthcare on the island will surely be compromised and that "local health care facilities may not have enough funds to attract good off island doctors."

"The economic crisis is really a big challenge for the health industry. But I believe this can be overcome in due course," he added.

Eric Plinske, branch manager of Staywell Health Insurance, said the downturn has had little effect on consumers' decisions to cancel health insurance policies. Rather, he said, it has impacted private companies' ability to pay their health insurance premiums on time.

"Most commercial businesses are facing challenges in collecting accounts receivable from customers in a timely fashion, which in turn makes it difficult to pay their operating expenses on time," he said. "We have had very few companies or individuals that have canceled their policy as a result of the economy."

Enrollment has been stable so far this year, Plinske added.

Drop in enrollment

Not all clinics and health insurance companies have continued to do well, however.

There has been a 66 percent drop in the number of patients with health insurance seen at Toothworks since 2004, said Alan Stuart Markoff, manager of the dental health clinic, yesterday.

Toothworks has been operating since 1999 and opened its health insurance, Open Choice, in 2001.

"People just can't afford the premium," Markoff said.

Markoff noted that about 20 percent of the CNMI population, or roughly 12,000 people, has Medicaid, a health program eligible for low-income individuals and families, rather than private health insurance.

Markoff said it is understandable that people would sacrifice some of their money for medical services because they have to spend more on gas and CUC bills that continue to increase.

"The real problem is that the local population don't have the money. When I say local population, I mean all the people here, including all nationalities," he said.

The Department of Public Health recently reported that about 50 percent of its medical bills remain unpaid.

Dental Care Clinic's Gemma Javaluyas said they could not really determine if there is an increase or decrease in the number of patients coming to them because their a large part of their client base still show up on a regular basis.

Such patients come in regularly for cleaning. About 70 percent of them have insurance coverage, she said.

Think twice

StayWell's Plinske advised individuals, companies, and organizations to think twice before considering canceling their health insurance due to the economy, regardless of which company they are insured with, because health insurance is an important benefit for the physical and mental well-being of employees and their families.

"It may seem like an unnecessary expense when one is healthy, but one of the major causes of personal and small business bankruptcy is footing medical expenses due to the lack of an insurance policy when a medical emergency or health condition arises," he notes.

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headquartered in the CNMI, Bridge Capital also offered to buy the former Plumeria Resort in Achugao this year.

But the property's rundown condition and a legal battle among its owners made Bridge Capital change its mind about Plumeria and instead bought the old Daewa building for its headquarters, said Baldwin.

Yesterday, Baldwin, along with loan officer Jon Anderson and other Bridge Capital personnel, handed checks totaling $17,500 as donations to 15 CNMI schools and community organizations at the packed Governor's Conference Room on Capital Hill.

Lone proposer

The CNMI government has been paying at least $200,000 annually for the lease of the La Fiesta property, yet it has not earned a single cent from it since 2004.

Early this year, the Department of Finance issued a request for proposal for interested parties to "lease, develop or revitalize" La Fiesta.

Bridge Capital, the owner of the now defunct Guam Greyhound Park racetrack, was the only entity that responded to Finance's RFP to revitalize La Fiesta. Bridge Capital bought interest on the La Fiesta property in March 2007.

Baldwin yesterday said Bridge Capital has yet to hear from Finance regarding its proposal to operate video lottery at La Fiesta.

Finance is still in the process of amending its regulations to allow for video lottery operations, among other things.

"We've made proposals to the government but that's really all. There has not been any forward motion yet… The whole island needs more things to stimulate tourism and I think La Fiesta is an ideal place to do that regardless of what goes there," Baldwin told *Saipan Tribune.*

The public has 30 days from May 20—the publication date for the latest Commonwealth Register—to comment on the proposed amendments to Finance's regulations.

Baldwin said part of the proposed investment in La Fiesta is the hundreds of thousands of dollars in stolen copper wire. One of the most recent victims of copper wire theft was Plumeria Resort.

Donations

One of the recipients of Bridge Capital's donations is Crime Stoppers. Baldwin, during the presentation of the $1,000 check to Crime Stoppers board chair Rick Northen and other board members, said the company will be donating an additional $2,000 specifically to address copper wire thefts.

This is outside of the $17,500 in Bridge Capital's prepared donations to schools and other local community organizations.

Northen thanked Bridge Capital for the donation. A tip to the Crime Stoppers hotline led to the arrest of the suspect in the murder of a Tanapag businessman in May, and many other crimes in the CNMI were solved due to Crime Stoppers.

With acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos as witness, Baldwin handed checks to 15 schools and community groups: $2,000 each for the Junior Statesmen Summer School Program, Beautify CNMI! and the Tinian Junior High School/Tinian High School music program for the purchase of ukuleles; and $1,500 for Marianas High School.

Bridge Capital also donated $1,000 each to the Northern Marianas College Nursing Club, NMC Student Government Association, NMC Library, Rota High School, Rota Junior High School, Pairie Football Club, Friends of the Arts, Crime Stoppers, PAWS Animal Welfare, and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

"We donate money always to organizations wherever we are, not just here. Of course, the CNMI is very important to us. This is our home, we believe in the CNMI, and we will continue to give money to CNMI organizations," said Baldwin who, along with Shawn A. Scott, own Bridge Capital LLC.

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Cabrera said.

She said the faculty and staff have done so much since 2007 to address WASC's concerns. "I want to thank them for their sacrifices and hard work in helping improve NMC these past two years," she said.

NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez expressed her gratitude to Cabrera for the invaluable work she has done for the college. "On behalf of the NMC family, I thank Dr. Cabrera for her years of service to the college," Fernandez told *Saipan Tribune.*

She said Cabrera has been a tremendous asset and resource to the college, especially in the past several months when NMC has been under tremendous pressure to comply with accreditation standards.

"I wish to express my gratitude for her many invaluable contributions, particularly in helping foster a thriving program review process," said Fernandez, adding that she wishes Cabrera the best in her future endeavors.

Great loss

Cabrera's resignation was described by NMC's first president and former regent Agnes McPhetres as a "great loss" to the institution and to the community.

"In serving the college for many years, I have seen the true compassion, dedication, and professionalism of Dr. Cabrera. I was surprised with her resignation…and I can say that her departure is a great loss to NMC and the community," McPhetres told *Saipan Tribune.*

She said she had seen how Cabrera grew professionally at NMC, starting as a student, instructor, and then dean of the college.

A recent NMC graduate, Lovelle Lea D'Lonsod, described Cabrera, not only as a mentor but a friend.

"She would always find ways to impart knowledge through stories and examples in her life and is always supportive of our dreams. The biggest lesson I learned from her was to 'respect yourself and others will respect you.' She is indeed a highly respected individual who is hard to find," D'Lonsod told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Resignations

Saipan Tribune learned that the college bookstore manager—David Apatang Jr.—had also quit his post on May 22.

A check with NMC yesterday confirmed his departure from the college. Named acting bookstore manager is Aida DeBrum.

Early this week, Wil Castro, director of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, also resigned to go back to Guam.

Castro, in a statement Wednesday, said: "Dr. Fernandez has marshaled the human, financial, and technological resources necessary to rapidly and adequately address the concerns associated with planning and program review in the short amount of time. My hat is off to her."

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges will decide on the college's accreditation this month. It was placed on continued show-cause status after failing to address two remaining recommendations of the accrediting commission.

Ex-HR chief gets 7-day sentence

The Superior Court yesterday imposed a seven-day prison term on the former Human Resources director of Palms Resort Saipan who used her position to open a credit card using another employee's name.

Following a plea agreement, Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja sentenced Eva Louise McKinney Herrera to one year in prison, all suspended except for seven days.

Naraja gave Herrera credit for the three days she has already served in jail. This means Herrera will serve four more days in prison.

The judge ordered Herrera to pay $1,193.52 in restitution to American Express, $250 fine, $100 probation fee, and $25 court assessment fee.

After serving her prison term, Herrera will be placed on one-year probation.

Assistant attorney general Mike Evangelista appeared for the government at yesterday's sentencing hearing. Chief Public Defender Adam Hardwicke served as counsel for the defendant.

Police arrested Herrera, who was then using McKinney as last name, for theft, theft by deception, and misuse of credit cards in April 2008.

Herrera entered a plea agreement with the government. Last week, she pleaded guilty to identity theft. In that hearing, the defendant apologized to the victim, Nelly Bumanglag.

According to a police report, the Palms Resort management discovered the credit card misuse when Bumanglag received a billing statement that said she owed over a thousand dollars.

Police said the then human resources director would usually intercept the billing statement but on that particular day, she was off duty. The defendant had full access to each of the employees' personnel file.

The defendant obtained the social security number of Bumanglag and applied for an American Express Card. The defendant used her name as the second cardholder.

On March 28, 2008, Bumanglag received from her supervisor a billing statement from American Express. When she opened the statement, she was surprised to see that she had accumulated charges of $1,193.52. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Deportation sought for daughter of worker who burned self

The Division of Immigration has sought the deportation of the daughter of the guest worker who set himself on fire at the Department of Labor two years ago.

According to Immigration, Pabitra Dhimal, 23, has overstayed in the CNMI for over a year now.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman issued yesterday a bench warrant for Dhimal's arrest for not appearing in court.

Immigration filed a deportation case against Dhimal in April, during which she was ordered to explain why she should not be deported. Dhimal appeared without a lawyer in the May 28 hearing. Wiseman continued the hearing to yesterday.

Immigration investigator John Peter stated in his report that Dhimal, a Nepalese, was issued a non-alien immediate relative entry permit that expired on June 26, 2008.

Peter said Dhimal does not have any pending labor case, does not have any pending employment application, nor a pending application to renew her immediate relative status.

Labor records show that Dhimal worked as a house worker in 2006, then a store cashier.

In September 2007, Dhimal's then husband, Joe Larry Thomas, was arrested for allegedly assaulting a man whom he had accused of having an illicit relationship with his wife.

In April 2007, Dhimal's father, Buddhi Lal Dhimal, killed himself by setting himself on fire at Labor. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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CUC sets line repair work in Kagman

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s has scheduled a series of outages that will affect the Kagman area beginning Saturday next week, June 27, to do some maintenance work.

CUC's Power Division is scheduling systems maintenance on laterals in the Kagman 3 Feeder 4/7 circuit that will consist of four stages. The first will be initiated on June 27, 2009, while the remaining three stages will be announced at a later date.

This maintenance project will incorporate the replacement of about 300 deteriorated pole top pins (pole hardware) throughout the Kagman 3 area. The deteriorated pins are of steel composite and were installed 12 years ago and have now exceeded their life span. Because of their age and extensive exposure to the elements they require replacement to reinforce the circuit.

"Because of the consistent ocean salt spray in that area, the new replacement pins have fiberglass shafts and are expected to be more dependable under the conditions," said CUC in a statement issued yesterday. "This is part of CUC's continued efforts to reinforce the power distribution system."

For this first stage on June 27, the power outage will be from 8:30am through 5:30pm and will be isolated to laterals only. The line crew will be working in many areas throughout the day and will only interrupt power to a certain street (within the feeder) to perform the necessary repairs and re-energize the street lateral when the area is complete.

The streets to be affected are Ladda St., Puteng Dr., Screw Pine, Chopak Dr., Pine Dr., Half Flower St., Sour Plum St., Lalanghita Rd., Dyers Fig St., Velvet Leaf Ct., Silver Piputurus Ave., Mastwood St., Apilas Ave., Palambra Ct., Beggar Weed Ct., Indian Beech Ct., Silver Bush Ave., Hamlang Ave., Forbidden Island Rd., and Kagman Rd.

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Tinian High to represent CNMI at the National Academic Bowl

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REPORTER

After besting competitors in the Pacific and insular areas, four students comprising the Tinian High School JROTC Academic Team will represent the CNMI in the national academic challenge set next week in Washington, D.C.

The team members—Patrick Diaz, Alisha Shrestha, Chelsie Manglona, and Carl Lou Espinosa –will depart Saipan via Northwest Airlines on Wednesday morning. Tinian Army Instructor Staff Sergeant Roger Thompson and chaperone Regina Palacios will accompany them.

The students will stay one night at the Marriott Hotel upon arrival before moving to the George Mason University college dorms. The competition is on June 27-28.

The CNMI team will also meet with Rep. Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan at his office upon the conclusion of the event.

According to LTC Bob Gay, PSS JROTC program director, the cadets have been studying together these past two months, with the support of the Tinian High School administration, teachers, their parents, and the Tinian JROTC instructors.

The CNMI team will be one of 24 high school teams out of 1,645 high school JROTC programs nationwide competing in this prestigious event organized by the non-profit College Options Foundation.

Gay said the funding for this trip has been provided by both the College Options Foundation and the CNMI Public School System.

Following the competition on June 28, the scores will be tabulated and will be announced on the evening of June 29 at the cadet formal banquet.

A tour of Washington, D.C. and its famous historical sites is also slated on June 29.

During the event, the CNMI team will present a 10-minute PowerPoint briefing on the history and culture of the CNMI, including the events of World War II, to all of the 400-plus cadets, senior military officers, community leaders, and education stakeholders present.

"The Tinian team is maintaining their focus and they are taking it day by day. They are training to compete and put their best effort forward. I think that is positive. I think it is important to keep the focus and to do your best," Gay said yesterday, adding that the event will provide the team with the experience of living on a college campus and meeting cadets from all over the world.

"It should be a great life and educational experience," he added.

There are 1,645 JROTC programs in the world. There are over 280,000 cadets, and Tinian is one of 24 schools to have earned the honor to compete at the national level.

Pacific nursing leaders end conference today

Participants in the 31st annual conference of the American Pacific Nursing Leaders Council will conclude their five-day activities today, with both achievements and unresolved issues hanging over them.

One of the highlights of yesterday's session was the revision of the organization's bylaws—a revision that paves the way for the eventual creation of the APNLC as a corporate entity.

The council is set to register itself as a non-profit corporation in Guam, where it has opened an office for the first time this month at the University of Guam School of Nursing.

Sally Tsuda, one of two founders of the council present at this year's conference representing Hawaii, said the establishment of an office is one of the APNLC's biggest achievements in its 31 years of existence.

"We now have a home of our own. We're no longer homeless," she said.

Tsuda said the proximity of the 10 jurisdictions of the APNLC has always been a challenge, but the existence of an administrative office will better facilitate communication.

The APNLC has grown to have a clearer sense of direction over the past 31 years, Tsuda said.

"We are becoming more empowered," she said, noting that nurses are becoming more confident in dealing with politicians to advance their profession.

"Now we are taking a look at what we will do for the next 30 years," Tsuda said.

Aside from the deliberations on the bylaws, the other highlights of yesterday's session included a $1,000 fund for a research program for Chuuk and a cultural night.

The nurses will elect their new president, vice president, and treasurer today.

The other founder present at the conference was Mary Sanchez of Guam. ***(Nazario Rodriguez Jr.)***

Cruz wants to become a senator

Controversial Taotao Tano CNMI Association Inc. president Greg Cruz wants to become a senator.

In an announcement issued yesterday, Cruz said he is running in the coming November election as an independent candidate for the Senate seat.

Cruz

"Why independent? I fought hard independently concerning all the injustices in our homeland, whether anyone agreed or disagreed on the issues, it was important that the people of the Commonwealth know and understand what had taken place in our homeland," Cruz said.

He said it was he who went after the critical issues affecting the CNMI, from federalization and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., to public lands, Department of Labor, corruption, and others.

Cruz said his platform will focus on the issues of federalization, Article 12, public utilities, public lands, natural resources, indigenous affairs, and economy.

In the November 2007 midterm election, Cruz failed in his attempt at a House seat. He garnered 145 votes—the least number of votes in Precinct 5. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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No criminal case yet in dialysis project

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Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday the government is not yet pursuing a criminal case involving the $22 million dialysis center, which began as a $5 million project.

"We're approaching it from a civil situation, for damages… We haven't gone to the point where we believe criminal elements might be brought up. At this point, we don't know that and we're not pursuing that route," Inos said in a news briefing yesterday.

On Monday, the government, through former attorney general Matthew T. Gregory, filed a $10-million lawsuit against the Texas-based Leo A. Daly Co., the original designer of the dialysis building, for its allegedly defective design.

Inos said Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's earlier remark identifying former Public Works secretary Juan Reyes as the expenditure authority for the project during the administration of former Gov. Juan N. Babauta does not imply that Reyes will be among those to be held accountable for the project.

So far, not one former or current government official involved in the public health project has been held accountable for the serious violations of procurement rules and laws identified by the U.S. Office of Inspector General in a June 2007 evaluation report.

"The question is, what criminal statute, if any, was violated. What's the charge" asked press secretary Charles Reyes.

Stimulus funding application

Inos also said the government is now putting together a revised application for the CNMI to receive the $44 million federalization stabilization fund for the Public School System.

The CNMI received notification of the grant but it has to revise the application it filed due to a revised form and application rules.

"This is the same grant that the PSS received so we will put together the application for $44 million in stabilization fund and of course, 82 percent of that goes to PSS and 18 percent goes to the governor for other programs," he said.

The acting governor said the application form will be completed and submitted early next week.

The Fitial administration plans to use the money to help cover payroll for government employees that may be furloughed due to lack of local funding throughout the fiscal year.

So far, however, no government employee has lost his or her job as a result of the Fiscal Year 2009 budget that is in effect.

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June 19, 2000

Food poisoning at hotel wedding downs 60 guests

The Department of Public Health is now investigating a food poisoning incident that downed more than 60 wedding guests at Saipan Grand Hotel Saturday evening. Two weddings were held at the hotel Saturday evening—the Taisacan-Nena and Ayuyu-Kapileo nuptials. Aside from hotel food, the Taisacan and Nena families brought their own food, including crabs, sashimi and tapioca, which the wedding guests partook during the celebration. However, hospital officials could not say which wedding the food poisoning victims attended at Saipan Grand Hotel.

Court says Atalig guilty

Former Coastal Resources Management Office Director Felipe Q. Atalig was found guilty Friday of two counts of misconduct in public office in connection with the sexual harassment case filed against him more than a year ago by a CRMO staff. Superior Court Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama also convicted Mr. Atalig of one count of assault and battery and one count of disturbing the peace after a three-day trial that began Wednesday in the island municipality of Rota. Mr. Atalig was accused of sexual harassment by Mina Muna, an administrative secretary at CRMO, in a complaint filed by Assistant Attorney General Marvin J. Williams.

June 19, 2001

Safety nets eyed to meet projected FY02 revenues

The Tenorio Administration and the Legislature have partnered in crafting safety nets that would ensure government collection of taxes, in order to meet projected revenues amid economic slowdown. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio cited the need to meet projected earnings, identified under his Fiscal Year 2002 budget proposal, to prevent any disruption in the delivery of basic government and other social services to the community. House Ways and Means Committee Chair Antonio M. Camacho assured the governor of the lower house's active participation in outlining mechanisms that would help in meeting the $239 million budget for FY02.

Wanted: Workers with multiple skills

Close to 500 local job seekers were turned down from securing employment last year due to lack of other trade skills that make them fit to assume more than one position, government records disclosed. Employment Services Division Director Alfred A. Pangelinan disclosed that employers have developed preference for job applicants with "transferable" or diverse job skills as opposed to those who possess only the minimum requirements. "The hottest item now in employers' list is personality trade skills. Hundreds were not hired in 2000 because of the lack of this even if they had minimum or job-related skills," said Pangelinan. DOLI figures in 2000 accounted for a total of 492 individuals who referred to prospective employers but were not hired.

June 19, 2002

Govt expects 10 percent hike in revenue next year

The Commonwealth's economy is still in a slump but things are improving and the government confident of a 10-percent increase in General Fund revenue in the next fiscal year. That is how Gov. Juan N. Babauta summarized yesterday's PowerPoint presentation on the CNMI's Financial Projections, even as he stressed that expenditure controls are still in place and would net the government even more savings in the months to come The presentation held no surprises in terms of the revenue projections for Fiscal Year 2003, as the figures reflected the Governor's budget submission to the 13th Legislature back in May-$213.72 million, or a 10.52 percent increase when compared to the continuing resolution level of $193.36 million.

New postal rates on June 30

The United States Postal Service is scheduled to implement a new set of postal rates for domestic mail effective June 30 to defray increasing operational costs brought on by the economic crisis. The new postage rates will impose additional 3 cents or a 7.7-percent increase on the existing postage rates. The USPS currently carries non-denomination stamps, as regular stamps with new rates are anticipated to be out in the next three weeks. CNMI Postmaster John William San Nicolas yesterday said the increase will only affect domestic mail and special service fees for foreign mail. The increase, he added, will impose additional 45 cents in a month per consumer.

Century Travel is top sales performer for NWA-Delta

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Northwest Airlines-Delta representatives Christopher A. Conception, left, and Esther F. Sound, right, hand over the trophy to Century Travel staff Cesar Lopez, Liza Camacho, and Jie Zhao, for being the top sales performer in 2008 during a simple ceremony yesterday at the office of Century Insurance president David Sablan. Century Travel also won first place in 2007.

For the second straight year, Century Travel emerged again as the top sales performer in 2008 for Northwest Airlines (now called NWA-Delta).

NWA representatives Christopher A. Concepcion and Esther F. Sound handed over the trophy and a replica of the airliner's plane to the three staff of Century Travel yesterday.

Concepcion expressed appreciation to the untiring efforts of Century Travel in their partnership. "We would like them to continue what they are doing," he said.

Century Insurance president Dave Sablan said he is extremely happy with this.

"I'm glad. For such a small people to run the agency, we were able to keep up with it. We only have three active staff," said Sablan.

They are Cesar Lopez, Liza Camacho and Jie Zhao.

Total volume of business generated from the whole year of 2008 reached $2 million, including the repatriation of guest workers.

Sablan said those considered for this award are not just travel companies in the CNMI but also those in Guam.

Sablan said the success of the company's travel program for people from the CNMI to European countries made this possible.

The group travel is in the form of a religious pilgrimages to the Vatican and package tours to countries like France and Germany.

"We want to continue to promote the European tour. We will have a radio and TV promotions," he said.

Sablan said they are looking into promoting both outbound and inbound travel from China, particularly Shanghai and Russia.

With the issue of federalization, Sablan said they can only hope that the U.S. Homeland Security will allow them to continue bringing in visitors from these two countries because this would enhance the CNMI economy. ***(Nazario Rodriguez Jr.)***

Ex-NMI educator named Claes Nobel 'Educator of Distinction'

The National Society of High School Scholars recently named Jay Villagomez, a former CNMI resident and teacher, a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction.

"Dedicated educators who exhibit a commitment to excellence deserve our highest praise and appreciation," said NHSS president, James Lewis, in an NHSS statement about the award.

Villagomez taught at Marianas Baptist Academy and Northern Marianas College from 1999 to 2004. He then joined the CNMI Public School System and taught at Saipan Southern High School until 2007, when he left the island with his wife and children to move to Massachusetts.

At present, Villagomez teaches English and economics to seniors at North Central Charter Essential School in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and is an adjunct instructor at Mount Wachusett Community College in Leominster, Massachusetts.

He is also studying at Liberty University to complete his doctorate in education, and will be attending Harvard University next year.

"It both honors and humbles me to receive this distinguished award," said Villagomez.

Villagomez was nominated by one of his students in Massachusetts, Kylee Pait.

Villagomez credited his experiences on Saipan for helping him improve his teaching skills. "I consider it a joy and privilege to call Saipan my home, and to remember my wonderful students and their parents and my supportive colleagues from Saipan Southern High School, Northern Marianas College, and Marianas Baptist Academy," he said. "I am a better teacher because of my years of teaching and mentoring them."

Villagomez is a former *Saipan Tribune* reporter. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

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Roadblock to peace

What he gave with one hand, he took back with the other. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's acceptance of a Palestinian state this week was overdue and necessary, but it was weighted down by so many qualifications that it may have doomed negotiations before they could be revived.

Netanyahu, leader of the right-wing Likud Party, has made a political career of opposing Palestinian statehood, and one wonders how many times he had to practice in front of the mirror to get the words out of his mouth without choking. When he finally did utter them Sunday, under U.S. pressure, a lot was missing. He ignored prior negotiations over two decades, particularly the road map agreement under President George W. Bush. He offered no Obamaesqe acknowledgments of Israeli occupation or of suffering by Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

Netanyahu invited the Palestinians to begin peace negotiations "without preconditions" but then immediately dictated what sounded like his own conditions on the central issues. He said Palestinians must recognize Israel as a Jewish state, which most Palestinians believe ignores Israel's Arab population and is tantamount to accepting that Arab refugees from 1948 will not be allowed to return. Netanyahu also insisted that the state of Palestine be "demilitarized," without an army or control of its airspace. He said Jerusalem would remain the undivided capital of Israel, although Palestinians claim it as their capital too. And he rejected Obama's call to freeze construction in West Bank settlements, which to Palestinians are part of a continued land grab prior to an agreement on borders. Not surprisingly, Palestinians rejected these terms.

To be sure, the Palestinians present their own obstacles to peace negotiations. Their leadership is split, with President Mahmoud Abbas in charge of a truncated West Bank and the militant Islamic movement Hamas in control of the Gaza Strip. Hamas doesn't recognize the state of Israel, let alone its Jewish character. And Netanyahu must contend with hard-liners in his own coalition of Jewish settlers, religious parties and conservative Israelis simply fed up with years of suicide bombings and rocket attacks.

Yet more than two-thirds of the Jewish public in Israel thinks that a two-state solution is the only path to peace with the Palestinians, according to a poll by the Tami Steinmetz Center at Tel Aviv University. Now, Netanyahu is on record agreeing with that approach. So are we, and there is only one way to get there: negotiations without preconditions. President Obama must continue to work as an honest broker to push the two sides back to the bargaining table.

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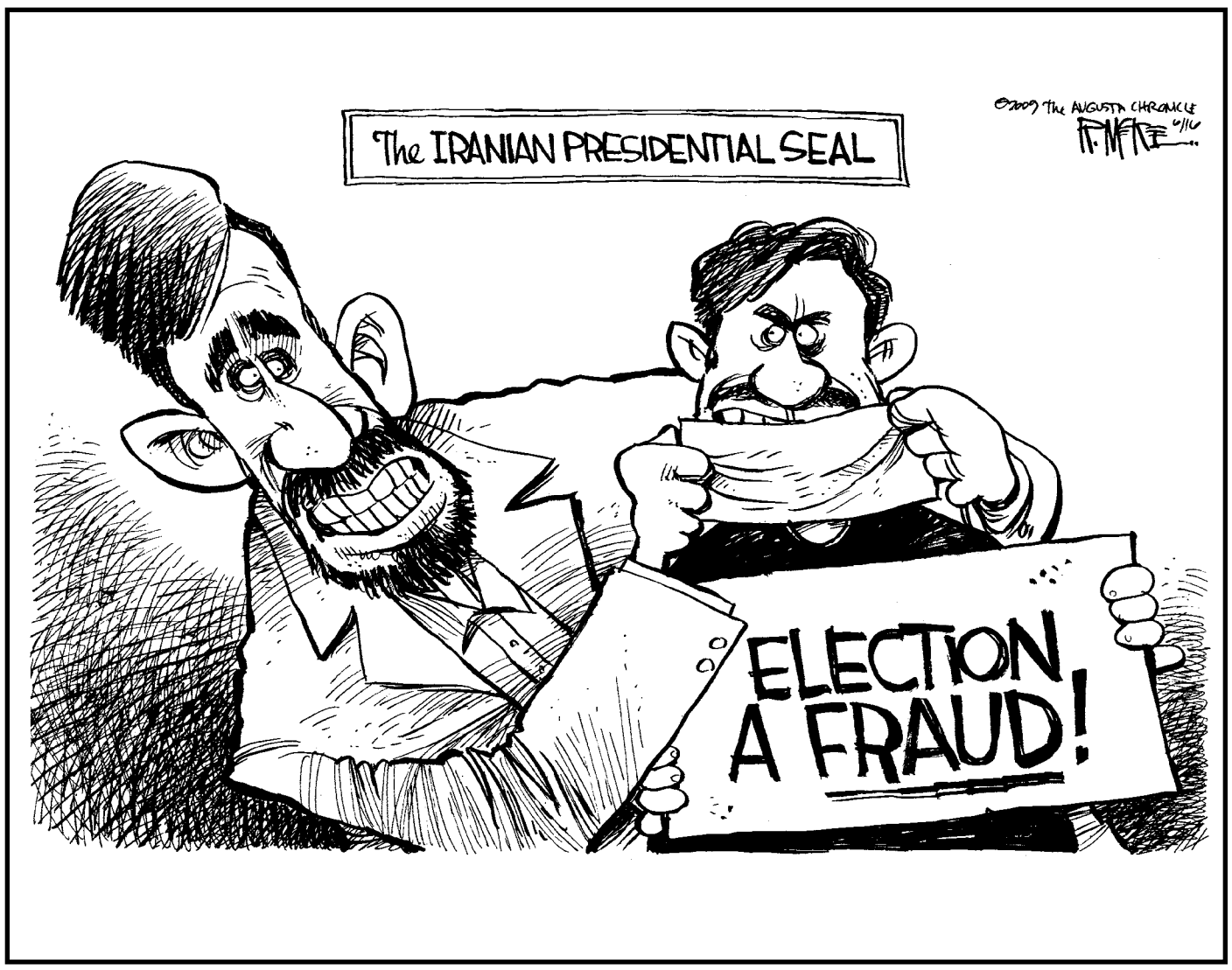

The waters are stirring

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I know the *Bota, Bota, Bota* gig is starting to crank up again, and capture more and more local attention now. And anywhere else under the U.S. flag, Pacific news has largely focused on North Korea's martial hissy fits. Meanwhile, a small but telling naval story managed to briefly surface late last week, and, for the Commonwealth, it is yet one more sign of the strategic shifts that are stirring the Pacific.

On June 11, a Chinese submarine and a U.S. Navy destroyer did the nautical tango somewhere near Subic Bay. The two vessels got so close that the sub inadvertently got bonked by the destroyer's towed array sonar. Oops. No injuries were reported, and no hostile intent from anyone is being assumed, so this was just a minor incident. Still, for anyone who follows military events, it's yet more proof that the U.S. and China are starting to bump naval elbows on Saipan's geographic backyard.

As for the June 11 incident: The ship, the USS *John S. McCain* (DDG-56) is an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer. A towed-array sonar is essentially an underwater listening device pulled behind the ship sort of like a submersible sled. You don't tow them all the time, you deploy them as needed. The ship also has a hull-mounted sonar (which, for you naval enthusiasts, is an SQS-53C; the SQS-53 is true marvel of technology, a time-honored name I remember from way back when Spruance-class destroyers ruled the roost at the end of the Cold War).

Subs and ships play cat and mouse all the time, that's just part of the job. So there's no scandal here that I'm aware of, it's just one of those things that will happen from time to time when navies operate around each other.

Still, I see a trend here:

1). On April 1, 2001, a U.S. Navy EP-3 patrol plane and a Chinese J-8 fighter jet collided about 70 miles off the coast of China's Hainan island. This was a pretty big deal in the international news. Hainan, by the way, has an important Chinese submarine base, which makes it the object of much outside attention and snooping.

2). In November 2007, somewhere around Okinawa, a Chinese submarine was reportedly spotted, surfaced, within five miles of the USS *Kitty Hawk* aircraft carrier. This caused much excitement in the Western media, particularly, for some reason, the British press.

3). Just last month, the limelight went back on the Hainan region, when a couple of maritime incidents involving U.S. survey ships and Chinese merchant vessels claimed headlines, as you'll no doubt remember.

Saipan has a lively maritime community, and I know there's a lot of interest, discussion, and speculation about the future of the Pacific's naval fleets, especially in this general region. China's submarine fleet is going to be a very important element of that equation.

4). Which leads to this month, and the June 11 incident I already mentioned.

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It's essentially a diesel-powered fleet, and, though it does have nuclear powered subs, I surmise the nukes are in the "boomer" (strategic missile) business, and that the "attack" (anti-ship and anti-sub) business is for the diesels.

Diesel subs are long gone from the U.S. inventory; I actually operated with the very last one, the USS *Blueback*, in the 1980s. The destroyer I was on was tasked with finding the *Blueback* in an exercise. Did we find it? Well, uh, ahem, there's no time for that tangent now. But never underestimate the capabilities of a well-crewed diesel sub, that's what I say.

In order to get some insight for *Tribune* readers, I did discuss last week's Subic Bay story with a retired U.S. Navy captain who was a diesel submariner. He made this observation: If China can couple its submarine skills with its cruise-missile technology, it may have a particularly potent, and very inexpensive, means of engaging opposing aircraft carriers. Neither he nor I know if there's any real proven capability in this regard, though. I guess I'll have to catch up with today's technology.

But one thing seems certain: The Pacific's waters are starting to stir from strategic shifts.

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What the heck are 'probiotics'?

By DAVID KHORRAM, M.D.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Imagine you wake up one morning and there are millions of tiny creatures crawling on every inch of your skin. But not only on your skin—the surface of your eyes, into your nose and mouth, and throughout your intestines. Well that morning was this morning. Those tiny creatures are there right now as you read this. Yes, you are colonized. We are all colonized by millions of bacteria that call our bodies home. These bacteria are good bacteria. Their presence helps to keep bad bacteria away, and they serve important functions in keeping our bodies going. We feed them, and they help us—that's called a symbiotic relationship.

When the balance changes, these good bacteria can become bad. Get a cut on your skin, and the bacteria that are harmless on the surface, gain entry into the deeper layers of your skin and can cause an infection like a boil or a cellulitis. If they gain entry to your bloodstream through this cut, they can spread throughout your body and kill you. People used to die of the complications of little cuts all the time for these reasons. During the 20th century humans discovered that some chemicals can kill bacteria. We call these antibiotics, and their discovery completely changed the way we live, our life expectancy, and our reaction to what we now call "minor" injuries. Our focus during much of the past century has been on creating new ways to kill bad bacteria—new antibiotics, like different weapons, in our armamentarium to kill each different kind of bacteria.

But now, a new era is dawning. Medicine is starting to take a serious look at using good bacteria to make us healthier or to battle disease. We are developing what we call, probiotics. The idea has been around for a long time. For example, when you take an antibiotic, oftentimes, it is fairly indiscriminate and will kill the good bacteria along with the bad one. Oftentimes, it kills the bacteria in the intestines, which is why some antibiotics cause stomach cramps and diarrhea. They death of the good bacteria in our intestines causes an imbalance that leads to these symptoms. And many doctors have used an ancient probiotic to reduce the symptoms caused by these gut killing antibiotics—we prescribe yoghurt. The next time you're at the grocery store, pick up some yoghurt, and somewhere on the label you're likely to see the words, "Contains live lactobacillus." That's telling you there is live bacteria in the yoghurt—the good kind—and that's what helps replenish the bacteria in your intestines that's getting killed by the antibiotic.

Recently formal studies of the use of probiotics have started. At Tulane University researchers are examining the use of probiotics to treat diarrhea in undernourished children in developing countries. At the Mayo Clinic, probiotics are being evaluated for use in decreasing the risk of kidney stones. And at Tufts University, researchers are looking at using probiotics to treat certain types of bacterial infections that are resistant to antibiotics. Initial results from several centers have shown probiotics to be useful in treating certain types of allergies, and in my field, ophthalmology, there are promising results that probiotics are effective in treating severe eye allergies.

Although the research is still growing, and no firm results are yet available, expect to be hearing more about probiotics in the coming months and years. It could be the next big thing in medicine and healthcare.

The old boys of summer

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The recent visit of World War II veterans becomes ever more poignant as the boys of summer move closer to the shadows that would eventually embrace each of us.

I wonder what's going through their minds as they looked at old battlefields (beaches from the southern end of the island northward) where some 4,000 comrades died as they headed to shore.

The battlefields have since changed with rows of large hotels along the shoreline, peacefully beautiful, serene though littered with tourists versus WWII relics. It is far from the ravaged condition that it stood right after the invasion of the island in June 15, 1944.

Many in this generation could hardly fathom or understand the enormity of losses—civilians and military—in the lives of those who lived through it. Or just as the generation that takes freedom for granted and could only remember supertyphoons that pummeled these isles since 1968. Too, it seems that every generation has iconic events it lived through at a moment in their lives. Theirs was the bloody battlefields; ours, the iPod.

The visiting men who survived the hellish landing on our shores are old men now, most are 80 years old, while others are approaching 100. Despite their age, the fighter in them never wavered and took the courage to brave the distant islands they freed with raw commitment for freedom 65 years ago.

Those who have spoken in their honor did so with pride of a grateful nation and did so eloquently. While most didn't have the electricity of Ronald Reagan's masterful tribute years ago, they each spoke from the heart with gratitude and appreciation. In the tribute he gave to the old boys of late autumn, Winston Churchill said, "Never was so much owed by so many to so few."

Veterans must have been swimming in the cool sea of nostalgia via site visits or campfire dinner along the beach. They have returned home this week with pleasant surprise at the transformation of a bloody beach into a tranquil venue for visitors and residents alike. Only they and our old folks—who lived through the war—know and understand the ultimate sacrifice and raw hardship they had to endure to ensure that the bells of freedom ring forever "…from sea to shining sea". Si Yuus Maase` to the old boys of summer!

Letters to the Editor

A problem with discipline and morale

I would like to take a moment out of my busy day to comment on the removal of Florine Hofschneider as principal of Tinian Jr./Sr. High School. As a former teacher, who had the misfortune to work under her, I feel that this is something that had been a long time coming! I am pleased to finally see the Commissioner of Education act on the needed removal this person as principal, as she was in my opinion a detriment to both students and staff there.

The recent issue of her attempt to unfairly block the graduation of six students was only one in a series of problems that this administrator had caused at this school. It was also not the first batch of students who had been similarly treated. I had witnessed students from the graduating classes of 2008 and 2007 (during my tenure there) facing the same last-minute announcements of not graduating because of some petty issue or another (often claimed by the students who I believed to have been personally and not academically motivated).

I had the good fortune of having had a couple of the students in question who had faced not graduating this year. These were hard-working positive students and they deserve to be able to go forward with graduation and their futures. To them I extend my deepest congratulations! It is refreshing to see common sense and justice prevail for once.

However, the holding back of students deserving of graduation was only one of many problems stemming from Florine Hofschneider's personality issues and inept leadership that I had observed.

First, it was shocking and demoralizing to me that PSS would allow someone unqualified to hold such a position. I found it disturbing that my previous boss, who had been evaluating others and myself using state and federally mandated standards did not meet them herself. The Highly Qualified Teacher standards such as PRAXIS seemed only to apply to people like me who came from off-island, not her it seemed.

Teacher retention and turnover at the school was incredible. I left because after two years, her actions and treatment of myself and several of my colleagues left me disgusted and angry. I was also convinced, based upon my experience and observations, that her treatment of myself and many of my colleagues were in no small part based on skin color and place of origin. It seemed to me that most teachers that she did not get along with were from the mainland.

Another disturbing observation that I had made was that there was a lack of student discipline. There seemed to be a sort of tacit approval of students who were disrespectful to teachers from the mainland. Often I would try to get students to follow instructions, only to be met with insubordination and disrespectful comments. One a student cursed me out after I instructed him to pick up the litter he threw on the ground while Hofschneider was present. When I confronted both her and the student with this gross insubordination, she told the kid that it was "his island" and that he should keep it clean. Also that I was going back to Detroit the next year anyway. This was only one such comment she made to both students and staff, especially when it involved staff from the mainland.

Previously, I had taught in an inner-city, alternative education school in the deepest ghetto of Detroit—a school where one needed to pass through metal detectors to enter. Still there was order and discipline there, because there was a principal there who backed her staff and did not allow bad apples to spoil the bunch. I had some pretty tough customers there, but it was not until working at Tinian High School that I saw such poor discipline and disrespectful behavior in quite so many students.

If a teacher caught a kid smoking dope, defacing school property or assaulting a staff member in any of the other schools that I had taught at, that kid would have been expelled or at least suspended. At Tinian Jr. Sr. High School it was a different story. Often, the principal would send kids back to class after being removed for serious offenses and breaches of classroom order.

One example of such an instance was when one of my colleagues caught a student with illicit drugs (among other infractions) and the principal refused to remove the student from school. Furthermore, she verbally reprimanded the teacher for reporting the student to the police.

This is not to say that majority of students there were bad. On the contrary, most of my former students were good kids and they were the real victims. They were victims because of extremely poor teacher morale and poor teacher retention. They were victims because of the minority of students who were allowed to get away with constantly breaking the rules and disrupting learning of the majority.

I hope that the removal of Florine Hofschneider and the installation of a competent and fair-minded administrator will give the children (and parents) of Tinian a better school where the students who are motivated and wish to learn can get a better education. A school where teachers will want to stay, so that the taxpayers of the CNMI are not constantly burdened by the expense of trying to recruit the next bunch from the mainland every year. Only to then lose half of them by Christmas break!

Thank you Commissioner Sablan for doing the right thing!

David Radich
via e-mail

Accurate reporting

In Wednesday's issue of the *Saipan Tribune*, in an article titled "House panel questions SHEFA's $3.2M disbursement," reporter Haidee Eugenio writes that, regarding a scheduled House committee meeting, "The committee... had to postpone its meeting with SHEFA officials yesterday because the latter asked for more time to present its finances and other information asked by the legislative panel." Had SHEFA been contacted with regards to her article, Ms. Eugenio would have found out that we had indeed showed up, prepared, to said scheduled meeting. I wish to clarify that it was not SHEFA that requested for more time.

Through the efforts of Speaker Arnold Palacios and the entire Saipan delegation in the 13th Legislature in establishing the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program, SHEFA is proud of its accomplishments in serving the educational needs of our Saipan residents enrolled in various educational institutions in the Marianas and across the world. Should the *Saipan Tribune* require any information for future pieces it wishes to publish, we invite you to contact our office at 233-5995 or email contact@saipanshefa.com.

Felicidad T. Ogumoro
Chairwoman
SHEFA Board

Quote of the week

"Delay is the deadliest form of denial."—*C. Northcote Parkinson*

Take heed all you "politicians" of the NMI: We the people are watching all your "delays."

Dr. Thomas D. Arkle Jr.,
San Jose, Tinian

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲87° ▼79°	▲87° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°

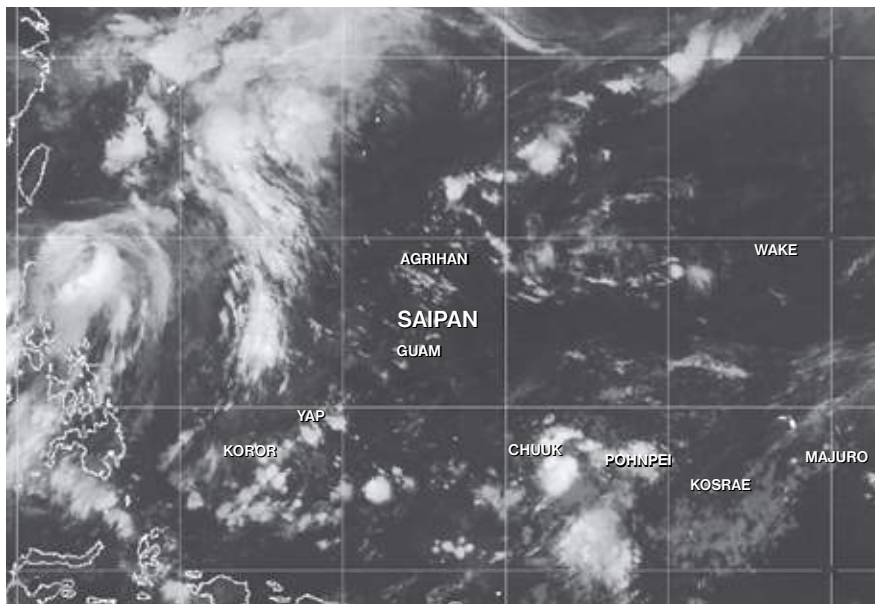
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲85	▼77
Palau	Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Yap	Rain	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲88	▼78
Pohnpei	Rain	▲87	▼74
Kosrae	Showers	▲88	▼77
Majuro	Rain	▲85	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲57	▼43
Beijing	Showers	▲77	▼62
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼80
Honolulu	Partly Sunny	▲83	▼75
London	Showers	▲68	▼52
Los Angeles	Cloudy	▲78	▼64
Manila	Rain	▲83	▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲62	▼49
Miami	Partly Sunny	▲91	▼78
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲77	▼65
Osaka	Cloudy	▲84	▼67
Paris	Cloudy	▲69	▼48
Pusan	Partly Sunny	▲83	▼65
Rome	Sunny	▲86	▼63
Salem	Partly Sunny	▲70	▼52
San Francisco	Partly Sunny	▲70	▼52
Seoul	Cloudy	▲87	▼64
Tokyo	Showers	▲75	▼62
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼73

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00AM, THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Favorable upper-level winds coupled with low-level convergence are triggering scattered showers within 100 miles of a line from 14N132E to 25N132E. The first upper-level trough well east of the Marianas stretches from 17N170E to 18N160E. The second upper-level trough northeast of the CNMI runs from 24N155E to Pagan at 18N145E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 100 miles of a line from 21N154E to 18N161E to 18N167E. Scattered light showers are found south of Koror and Yap within 100 miles of a line from 7N131E to 5N138E to 5N144E. Upper-level divergence is enhancing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Pohnpei between the equator and 5N from 155E to 158e. Scattered trade-wind showers are found near the date line between 4N and 6N from 176E to 179E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
3:20 AM Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
10:48 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
5:47 PM Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
10:30 PM Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:49 PM
Sunday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Monday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Tuesday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:58 AM	3:05 PM
Saturday	2:47 AM	4:08 PM
Sunday	3:42 AM	5:13 PM
Monday	4:44 AM	6:20 PM
Tuesday	5:50 AM	7:23 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

CO9597	11:50am	12:25pm	1,7

SAIPAN-GUAM

CO9317	4:30am	5:20am	Daily
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
CO9597	11:50am	1:20pm	1, 7
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	4, 5
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

CO9598	2:20am	2:50am	5, 6
CO9312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-PALAU (ROR)

CO893	5:50pm	6:50pm	3, 5
CO953	6:50pm	7:50pm	1, 7
CO953	7:35pm	10:05pm	2, 4, 6

PALAU (ROR)-MANILA

CO893	7:35pm	9:10pm	3, 5

GUAM-MANILA

CO893	5:50pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via ROR
CO933	7:00pm	8:40pm	Daily
PR111	6:00am	7:45am	1, 2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW99	6:00am	8:40am	Daily
NW78	9:00am	2:05pm	Daily via NGO
NW75	3:50pm	6:25am	Daily

GUAM-NARITA (NRT)

CO961	6:35am	9:10am	Daily
NW83	8:00am	1:55pm	Daily via KIX
CO6	12:00pm	2:45pm	Daily
NW73	4:05pm	7:00pm	Daily
CO963	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	1
OZ119	4:20am	7:00am	4,6

GUAM-OSAKA (KIX)

NW83	8:00am	10:45am	Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

NW78	9:00am	11:40am	Daily

GUAM-NAGOYA (NGO)

CO971	7:45am	10:30am	Daily
NW23	4:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
CO975	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	excl 1
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	1 via KIX
OZ119	4:20am	11:20am	4, 6 via KIX

SEOUL (ICN)-HONG KONG

OZ721	9:05am	11:45am	Daily
OZ723	7:45pm	10:30pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-MANILA

OZ701	8:35am	11:25am	Daily
OZ703	7:50pm	10:50pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

CO9598	3:25am	4:00am	5, 6
CO9312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

CO9316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
CO9598	2:20am	4:00am	5, 6 via ROP
CO9596	7:00am	5:00am	Daily
CO9600	10:20am	11:10am	Daily x6
CO9312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 4, 5, 7
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

CO9597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1, 7

PALAU (ROR)-GUAM

CO954	1:10am	5:30am	3, 5, 7
CO954	1:45am	4:40am	1, 2
CO892	2:35am	5:30am	4, 6

MANILA-PALAU (ROR)

CO892	10:10pm	1:50am+1	3, 5

MANILA-GUAM

CO892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	3, 5 via ROR
CO934	10:55pm	4:30am+1	Daily
PR110	10:00pm	4:00am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW76	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
NW77	6:30pm	1:40am+1	Daily via NGO
NW100	7:50pm	12:30am+1	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-GUAM

NW74	10:00am	2:50pm	Daily
CO962	10:30am	3:00pm	Daily
CO7	3:50pm	8:25pm	Daily
NW84	6:20pm	1:40am+1	Daily
CO964	8:25pm	1:00am+1	Daily
NW82	8:30pm	1:05am+1	4
NW82	8:30pm	1:20am+1	X 4

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ120	9:55pm	2:20am+1	3, 5, 6

OSAKA (KIX)-GUAM

NW84	9:05pm	1:40am+1	Daily

NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN

NW77	9:10pm	1:40am	Daily

NAGOYA (NGO)-GUAM

NW24	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
CO970	11:30am	4:30pm	Daily
CO972	8:25pm	12:55am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	3, 5, 6 via KIX
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	excl 7

HONG KONG-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ724	12:30am	5:05am	Daily
OZ722	1:15pm	5:45pm	Daily

MANILA-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ702	12:45pm	5:45pm	Daily
OZ704	11:50pm	4:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

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FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

Old-fashioned, home-cooked comfort food at Raffy's Diner

Those yearning for a taste of classic American home-style cooking don't need to wait any longer with today's official opening of Raffy's Diner.

Located across Kristo Rai Church in Garapan, Raffy's Diner serves classic-style American burgers and sandwiches with a touch of Italian and local cuisine to boot.

CONTACT INFO
Tel: 234-8688

Manager Ralph Yumul said Raffy's Diner is named after their late grandfather, Rafael Yumul. He said the family wanted to introduce a themed restaurant on Saipan and also honor their grandfather at the same time.

"By naming the restaurant 'Raffy's Diner' we accomplished both," he said.

When asked why and how the decision to open a diner materialized, Yumul said, "We wanted something different. We want to be known for old-fashioned home-cooked favorites as well as modern-day cuisine. With Raffy's Diner, we are reintroducing American classic dishes to the local palate, with a touch of Italian, all at very reasonable prices."

Yumul said that YCO Corp. spent something in the neighborhood of $35,000 to refurbish the place and give it an American diner feel.

"Most of the stainless steel kitchen equipment (from the fastfood restaurant they used to operate) remained and we added a gas char-grill and oven. We re-did the interior and exterior décor to fit the atmosphere we were creating… down to the music, all '50s through '80s, etc.," he said.

Raffy's Diner specializes in American sure-fire hits like French toast, pancakes, hamburgers, pot roast, ruben sandwich, and the like. But Yumul said Raffy's Diner also serves Italian food, partly because of their family's love for pasta. Thus, it's not unusual to see steak and baked potato dishes share the menu with seafood pasta and shrimp Alfredo.

In lieu of a counter so typical of American diners, however, Raffy's Diner keeps the casual atmosphere going with its homey cubicle-type booth areas, ideal for families.

It also stays in tune with the American diner theme with a collection of posters of muscle cars, surfboards, and '50s and '60s memorabilia.

Yumul said they soft-opened last May 29 to give the crew time to acclimate themselves in efficiently running the restaurant.

With the official opening today, Raffy's Diner will now be open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner with operating hours from 7am to 2pm and 6pm to 10pm.

Raffy's Diner comfortably seats 90 people and is also open for party functions. For reservations, call 234-8688. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

MARK RABAGO
Raffy's Diner, located across Kristo Rai Church in Garapan, is now open for those yearning for a taste of classic American home-style cooking.

MVA membership meeting on June 25

The Marianas Visitors Authority will hold its bi-annual general membership meeting on June 25, 2009, with updates on Korean outbound travel and the Japan market.

The meeting will be held from 10am to 1pm at SandCastle, Hyatt Regency Saipan.

The keynote speakers will be Jason Chung, chief executive officer of Nextour, and Charles Duncan, managing director of Continental Airlines.

Chung will discuss travel trend changes, travelers, destination, value and price consciousness, and opportunities and challenges in the market. Duncan will focus on Japan market and provide an update on Continental Airlines' present and future plans for the CNMI.

Nextour is ranked No. 1 in online travel agents and 50th in all outbound travel agents in Korea.

The annual Tourism Excellence Awards will also be introduced to MVA members. The purpose of the program is to recognize and award organizations or individuals for advancing the state of tourism in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands during FY 2009.

As part of its membership program, MVA holds a bi-annual meeting to update members on MVA's programs and events and help them keep abreast of travel trends relevant to the CNMI's tourism industry.

The cost of entry is $19 and includes lunch. For more information or reservations, contact Valencia Tenorio at MVA at vtenorio@mymarianas.com or Ed Diaz at ediaz@mymarianas.com or call 1.670.664.3237**.** ***(MVA)***

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NEWS BRIEFS

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ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam—An airman assigned to Andersen Air Force Base died Wednesday night at approximately 11pm as the result of an off-base motor vehicle accident. The Airman's name is being withheld pending next of kin notification. Air Force officials are investigating the incident. ***(PR)***

Six Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged six Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The affected beaches are the Tanapag Meeting Hall, DPW Channel Bridge, American Memorial Park, Hafa Adai Hotel, Hafa Adai Drainage and Garapan Fishing Dock.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

Warning to boat operators on Managaha

Boat operators in the vicinity of Managaha Island on Saturday, June 20, 2009, are advised to take extra precautionary measures for swimmers during the 1st International Flipper Race, which will take place around Managaha beginning at 6:30am to approximately 8am. For more information, contact Frank Tudela at Marianas Visitors Authority at 664-3200/01 or ftudela@mymarianas.com. ***(PR)***

Transformation Forum ongoing

The CNMI is hosting the Transformation Forum at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Hibiscus Hall today, June 19, from 8am to 3pm. This forum is focused on "A Regional Economic Recovery aligned with Workforce Transformation and Employment Opportunities."

Key state leaders from both the public and private sector industries have been invited to participate in this forum, including those invited to the Action Clinic that took place on June 17 at the Fiesta Resort Hibiscus Hall. Scheduled panels are Economic Recovery, Recovery Funded Economic Projects and Green Jobs Creation, Transformation Legislation, and Education and Workforce Transformation Initiatives. ***(PR)***

US Navy assists firefighting efforts

SANTA RITA, Guam—Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 and the Navy Fire Department assisted in extinguishing a fire on Mt. Santa Rosa yesterday.

One helicopter was launched that released water onto the affected area. Personnel from the Navy Fire Department's Engine 5 Unit were also at the scene providing support.

The Guam Fire Department is the incident commander and was leading the efforts. ***(USN)***

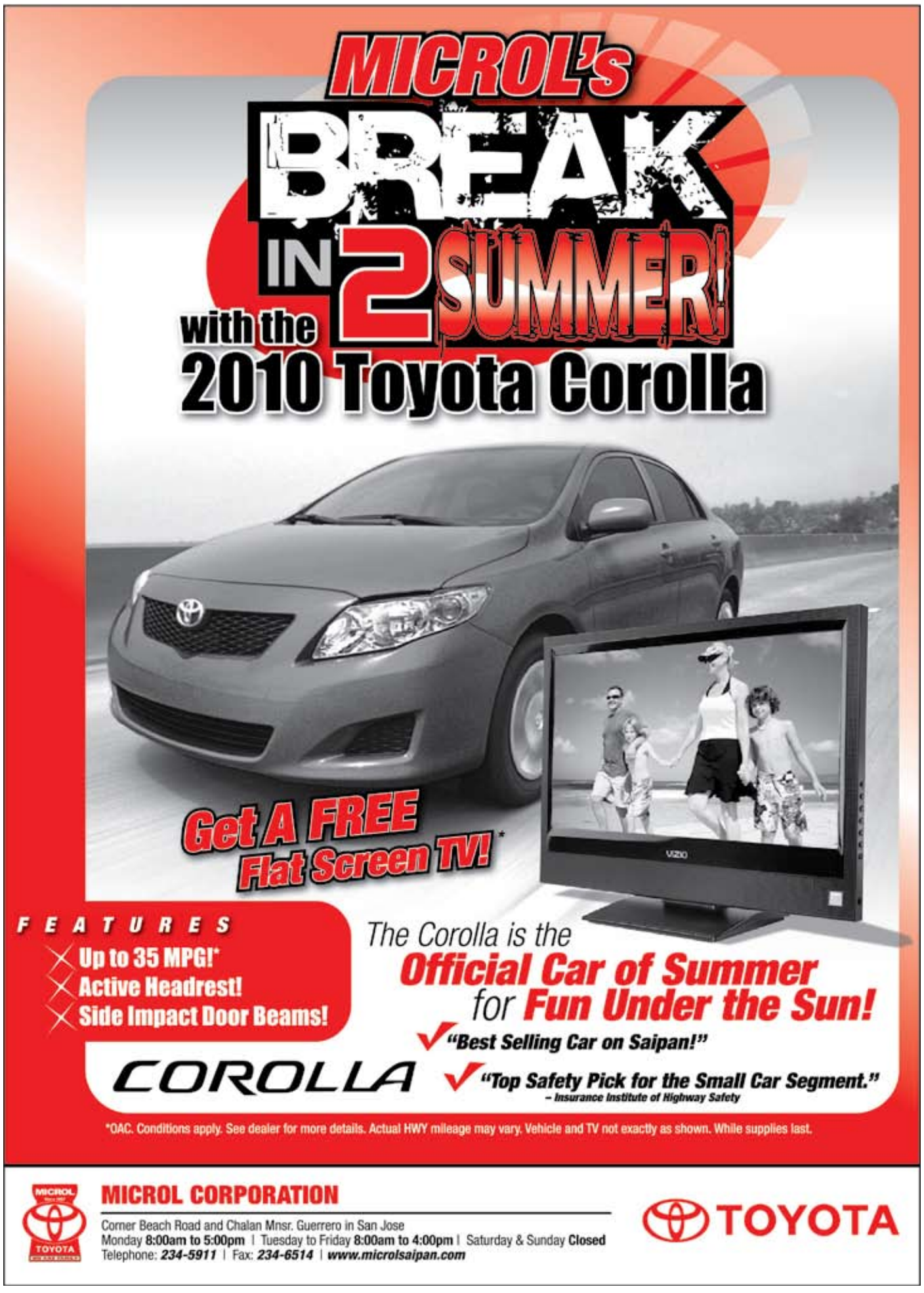
Byrd departs Guam on humanitarian mission

SANTA RITA, Guam—USNS *Richard E. Byrd* departed Guam Wednesday with mission participants and supplies to assist the Pacific Partnership 2009.

The U.S. Military Sealift Command underway replenishment ship is supporting a four-month humanitarian assistance mission to the Pacific nations of Samoa, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, and the Marshall Islands.

The Pacific Partnership mission is being coordinated with host nations in the region and is being carried out in conjunction with the host nations, partner nations, and non-governmental relief organizations to provide medical, dental, veterinary and engineering humanitarian civic assistance programs ashore.

Pacific Partnership 2009 is the fourth in a series of annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian civic assistance missions. *Byrd* has a crew of 13 sailors who provide operational support and supply coordination and 28 civil service mariners working for MSC. ***(PR)***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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management services for the Saipan International Airport Runway 07/25 Rehabilitation, Package II Phase II Project, AIP No. 3-69-0002-53/58, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below:

1. Overall construction management experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
2. Key personnel's professional background and caliber and availability for the proposed services;
3. Firms must have a valid CNMI Business License and the ability to perform the construction management activities in the CNMI; and
4. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable.

Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications for each service offered no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, July 10, 2009.**

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Only firms who have established an office in the Commonwealth and a valid business license will be considered.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the Procurement and Delivery of three (3) new aircraft ramps, one each to the Saipan International Airport, Tinian International Airport and Rota International Airport.

The scope of work entails the purchase and delivery of one (1) wheelchair ramp/lift with the capability to and from an aircraft for each airport. The detailed scope of work will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on Friday, June 19, 2009. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all shipping costs and taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Procurement and Delivery of Wheelchair Ramp/Lift to the Saipan International Airport, Tinian International Airport and Rota International Airport". One original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than ***4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009***, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: June 18, 2009

'Brabu' pharmacy opens

A new pharmacy called "Brabu" has opened its doors on Middle Road in Gualo Rai.

"Brabu" in Chamorro means healthy, industrious; a hard working person. In that spirit, the owners' stated goal is to provide the community with medicine, life enhancing services and learning opportunities in a pleasant environment for a person's total well-being.

"Sometimes the best time to start a new business is during an economic downturn. It makes the owner carefully consider what the customer can really afford, resulting in a better constructed and prudent business plan. This increases the likelihood of success in the long term," said Ted Parker.

Parker and John Douglas are the co-owners and managers of the new Brabu Pharmacy and Wellness Center, which officially opened its doors yesterday.

Douglas said, "We're excited to use our new state of the art computer system. The system performs a thorough drug interaction check on every new prescription. Also, barcode technology virtually eliminates the possibility of a medication error."

Brabu Pharmacy will be accepting most insurance plans. For customer convenience, physicians may call in, fax or e-mail prescriptions. First time customers must register at the pharmacy, but thereafter may ask to have their refill requests mailed to them to save time and fuel costs.

Brabu Pharmacy and Wellness Center's store hours are Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm, and Saturday from 9am to 1pm.

Stop by and visit, or call 233-AMOT (2668), or email brabumeds@gmail.com or more information. ***(PR)***

IBPC expands its partnership with educational institutions

The International Business and Professional College is partnering with other educational institutions to expand to meet the demands of the growing workforce in both the public and private sectors, said IBPC president Herman P. Sablan this week.

"IBPC's partnering with 11 educational institutions, including the Northern Marianas Trades Institute, emphasizes that its students get the best bang for their buck when enrolled," Sablan said.

"We have excelled in providing the trained individuals to meet the growing concern of the CNMI's workforce as we delve into full labor compliance with the federal government by 2014," he said.

According to Aiza Domingo, an IBPC student and registered nurse in the Philippines, the college's programs taught her much more than just nursing.

"I am being trained in administration and management, leadership, work ethics, customer service, and professional development," she said. "Not only will I become a US-registered nurse but also an effective team leader, supervisor and manager someday."

IBPC offers certificate programs, PSS-certified credits to meet high school diploma requirements, professional preparedness courses for NCLEX, occupational safety classes, health administration general training, and more.

In 2008, IBPC posted 717 in enrollment including foreign students. As of yesterday, 225 have registered at the college. ***(Moneth Deposa)***

MEETING NOTICE

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a **Regular Board Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, **June 24, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.** at the MVA Conference Room, San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

1) **Preliminary Matters**
   1. Call to Order
   2. Roll Call
   3. Adoption of Agenda
   4. Adoption of Minutes
      - April 29, 2009

2) **Public Comments**

3) **Committee Reports**
   1. Finance
   2. Policy
   3. Personnel
   4. Ad Hoc Reports

4) **Old Business**
   1. Korea Marketing Activities
      - Advertising Campaign – OZ Daytime Flight

5) **New Business**
   2. Korea Marketing Activities
      - Rota Booth at WEDDEX
      - Rota Sales Promotion with Consumer Gifts
      - Brochure Production with Rota Resort
      - Media FAM Tour for Wedding Magazines
      - Rota Movie Night
      - Korea Budget Re-allocation
   3. Japan Marketing Activities
      - Budget reallocation
      - Saipan Marathon PR plan for FY09 budget
      - Mainichi Newspaper PR
      - Monitor Campaign by KNT/NWA

6) **Executive Session**
   1. Legal Matters

7) Adjournment

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Another record turnout at ABE summer orientation

About 93 students participated in the recent Summer Orientation for the Adult Basic Education program, a program under the Northern Marianas College's Division of Community Programs and Services. The record turnout was attributed to the 257 students currently registered for ABE's summer courses.

Adult Basic Education state director and GED administrator Lorraine Cabrera provided information about the different ABE programs that include the Adult School, General Education Diploma, English as a Second Language, and Family Literacy. She also dispensed some key advice to help the students succeed in the ABE program and encouraged them to further their education with NMC.

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The orientation also provided students with updates and information about the various programs and services offered on campus that the students can benefit from. Other campus services were highlighted by Manny Castro from the Office of Admission and Records, Daisy Manglona-Propst of the Financial Aid Office, and Heather Santos of Career Services. The ABE Office also reports that with an adult high school diploma, students can benefit from federal financial aid.

The evening's keynote speaker, Cynthia Deleon Guerrero, director of NMC School of Education, shared her experiences as a GED graduate and encouraged students to pursue their educational goals despite obstacles they may encounter.

ABE registration and placement testing will continue until June 30. Interested students can contact the ABE office for more information at 234-3690 Ext. 1723, 1721 or 1724. Classes will begin on July 1.

The ABE Office is also seeking highly motivated individuals with some experience in teaching adult learners reading and writing, as well all other content area courses for both morning and afternoon sessions.

Applications are available at www.nmcnet.edu. Interested Adjunct applicants are advised to submit a complete application to the NMC Human Resource Office located in Building P. For additional information, contact NMC Human Resource Office at 234-5498 Ext. 1016. ***(NMC)***

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Health Fair Career Day this Saturday

In an effort to raise awareness about medical and health professions in the CNMI, the Northern Marianas College's Area Health Education Center is sponsoring a Health Career Fair this Saturday, June 20, 2009 at the Pacific Islands Club that will run from 8am to 3pm.

The Fair aims to familiarize high school students and other participants with the various medical and health professions and career opportunities in the CNMI. It also affords participants the chance to learn from and interact with people who have been and are currently in fields of medicine and health.

Presenters at the fair include Claudine Atalig (PHI Pharmacy), Melena Slaven, (NMC Rehabilitation & Human Services Program), Hee Jae Lee (PSS Food & Nutrition), Patricia Coleman(NMC-CREES), Miles Rodriguez (NMC Nursing Student), Justin Mariano (Mariano Chiropractic Clinic), Alan Elder and Clinton Ngiraked (Department of Fire Safety), Lori Serna (Seventh Day Adventist Clinic), Pamela Carhill (Commonwealth Health Center), and Gregoria Fitial (Marianas Health Services). Additionally, various departments and institutions will host information booths for those interested in learning about educational and financial aid opportunities.

For reservations and/or additional information, contact Les Ogumoro-Uludong at 234-5498 ext. 1010/1014 or at logumoro@nmcnet.edu. ***(NMC)***

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Finalists selected in 'I love my Dad' essay competition

A total of 18 entries for "I love my Dad because…" essay writing contest were submitted to Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan. Two entries were eliminated because the father who was nominated doesn't reside in CNMI. Sixteen entries are now being reviewed by the organizers of the event.

RELATED NEWS
Essay entries on Pages 20-24

"Our management is very happy with the outcome of this competition, proving that there are many children in the CNMI who are gifted with creative writing," said outlets manager Oscar Yema.

On Sunday, June 21, 2009 at 11pm, the winner will be announced and the essay writer will be given a brand new IT&E cell phone and a second cell phone for the father.

The essay entries were the basis of Fiesta Resort and Spa in choosing this year's awardees for Outstanding Father of the Year. This year's recipients are the fathers of the children who submitted an essay about their dad. The children will read their essay during the event and the whole family will present a plaque of recognition.

Based on the essay nominations of the children and mothers who sent entries, this year Outstanding Father nominees are Byoung Doo Chang, Eduardo :Edong" Elenzano, Francisco Babauta, Felipe Aldan Aquino, Jesus Agapito Pantaleon, Juan Quichocho Inos, Deogracias Menese, Arturo Mamaril, Marciano Santiago, Juanario Pilapil Pepito, Ferdiand Ramos, Roman Pangelinan Agulto, Teogenes Mendoza, and Bobbie Prado

The Sunday brunch of Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan will be extended to the Hibiscus Hall for the awarding. For reservation during the awarding ceremonies and Sunday brunch at the Hibiscus Hall, call Socorro or Verlyn at 2347171 ext 1547/1548 or at 234-6414. ***(PR)***

6th graders visit Bird Island on last day

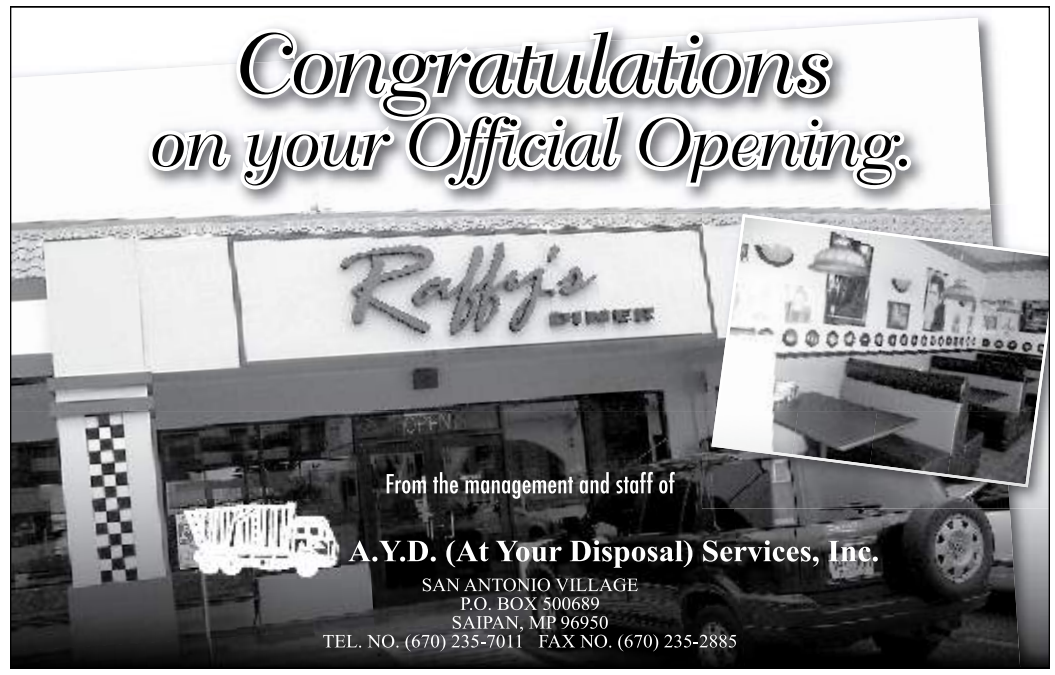
On the last day of classes, 22 sixth graders from Chacha Oceanview Junior High School visited one of Saipan's marine protected areas, Bird Island.

The field trip was a reward for teacher Melody Matson, who successfully completed three lesson plans about coral reefs in the Marianas, as part of the Teacher Camp program.

The teacher camp program is a partnership between Coastal Resources Management Office and Mariana Islands Nature Alliance. Last year, in conjunction with PSS Professional Development days, 20 teachers attended the camp and learned about the CNMI's coral reefs, with a range of topics from coral reef biology to enforcement.

This year, before classes resume, the Teacher Camp will again provide a fun opportunity for teachers to learn more about our precious coral reefs and how to incorporate them into their lesson plans. As part of the camp, teachers will go on field trips to talk and learn about coral reefs outside the classroom and in the field.

For more information, or to participate in the next Teacher Camp, call Brooke Nevitt at Coastal Resources Management Office 664-8320 or send an e-mail to brooke.nevitt@crm.gov.mp. ***(CoCo)***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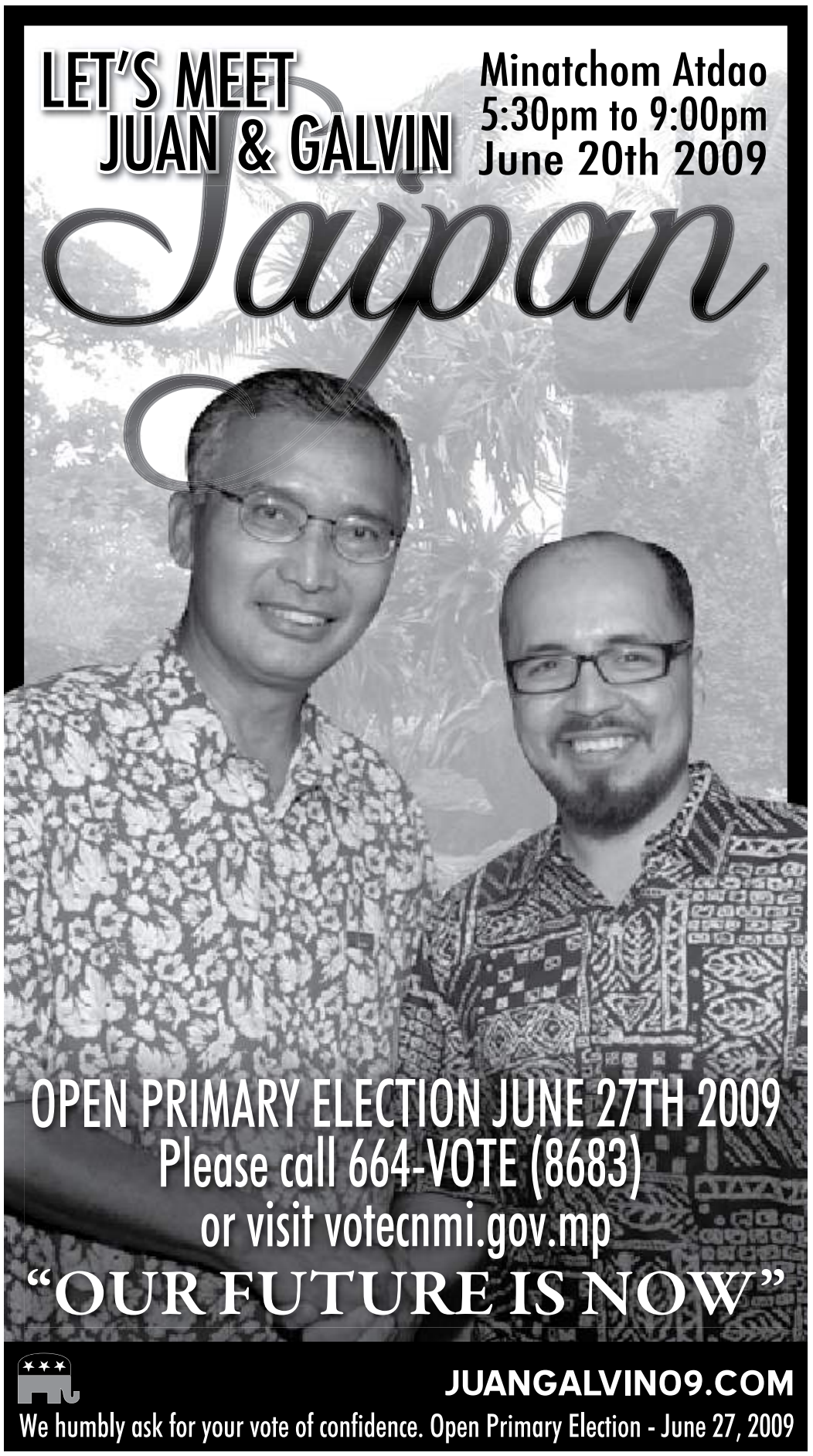

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Youth development programs set

DCCA-Division of Youth Services will be hosting Cycle 6 of its *Man'Amko Yan Manhoben* Youth Development Program and Mentorship –Summer Program.

Cycle 6: Man Amko Yan Man Hoben Mentorship Program –First Session (Awaodori Cultural Dance) in partnership with the Saipan Awaodori Team from June 19 to July 2, Monday through Friday, at the Tanapag Youth Center from 3pm to 5pm

Cycle 6: Man Amko Yan Man Hoben Mentorship Program –Second Session (Vocational Arts/Phonics & Reading/Joeten Public Library –Bookmobile/ Basic Korean Language/Sports/Career Awareness) from July 6 to September 6, Monday through Friday, at the Tanapag Youth Center from 9am to 2pm

This program will only accept the first 100 registered children and youth ages 5 years to 17 years old. Registration is from Monday through Thursday, June 15-18, at the Tanapag Center. Ask for Debra A. Inos, Youth Development Program manager, or contact her at 287-2773/322-0046/4 from 9am to 2pm. ***(PR)***

Prior service checks delayed

The Prior Service Trust Fund Administration would like to advise all beneficiaries that benefits for May and July 2009 will be delayed due to insufficient grant money. We will pay these months when money becomes available. We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your patience. ***(PR)***

67-Zero Rock Steady Shop asks: 'Can you dance?'

The 67-Zero Rock Steady Shop announces the first-ever "67-Zero Rock Steady Dance-Off" in conjunction with the Liberation Day Entertainment Committee. An open invitation is out to all dance crews who think they got what it takes to battle it out on the biggest dance floor on Saipan.

The event will consist of a single elimination tournament, with the best crews moving on until there is only one team left standing. All the action starts Saturday, June 27, at the Liberation Day Carnival Grounds, located at the Garapan Fishing Base.

For more information, visit the Liberation Day Information every night from 6pm to 11pm, e-mail your contact info to L.J. Castro at ljmamis@gmail.com or call 483-1027, or call Gordon Marciano at 287-1195. ***(PR)***

Marianas High School schedule

June 22 4th Quarter Report Card Distribution, 8am-12pm and 1-4pm (please pick up report cards at the Main Office)

Sept. 8 First Day of Classes (students return to school)

Korean language school at NMC

The Korean Cultural Center is opening Korean Language School as a program of Community Development Institute of the Northern Marianas College. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn Korean language.

The promotional fee is only $60 for 6 weeks. Korean culture is included in the curriculum. Basic materials are provided. This course is of basic plus intermediate level. When requested, certificates are awarded. It begins at 6:30pm on June 19, 2009. Classes will be on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Come and register now! If you don't have time to go to Building P at the NMC campus during work hours, just call and they will provide help. There can be some scholarship. Contact Daniel Huh at 285-2221or e-mail: korean2221@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

PIC's PAWS Waterpark Special this Saturday

PIC is hosting a fundraiser this Saturday, June 20th from 9am to 6pm, when all waterpark passes will be sold at a special discount rate of $10 per person. Contrary to previously published press release, children *must* be accompanied by an adult to enter the waterpark.

If you have questions about the event, call PIC at 235-6231 or PAWS at 285-PAWS. ***(PAWS)***

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Father's Day Special

The following essays are the some of the entries submitted for the "Top Ten Best Dad" contest being organized by Fiesta Resort and Spa. The *Saipan Tribune* is publishing the entries in the lead-up to Father's Day on June 21, 2009.

I love my Dad because...

By ANN GELIKA MAMUYAC ELENZANO

Edong Elenzano

He is not a chef but he provides the most delicious food on our table. He is not a tailor but he gives us the best clothes to wear. He is not a Hollywood actor but for me, he is a shining star that guides me every day. He is my dad, Edong Elenzano, and I love him for a lot of reasons.

For example, even though he is busy with his job he still manages to spend time and bond with my two brothers, my mom and me. He also makes our family and me feel special because he always encourages my siblings and me to do the right thing. He never gives up on me even if I don't do things right because he understands that I am passing through some stages in my life, especially now in my teenage years. I admit that I am becoming sort of a rebellious teenager. Sometimes I even argue with him about everything and anything that he advises me. Thank God that he is so reasonable, that he understands that arguing is normal for most teens.

He has been a great father ever since I existed in this world because he knows that he has a major role to play in the life of his daughter. My dad is the first male that I ever came across and has become my role model. I have seen and met different men coming from different parts of the world; comparing them to my dad, I often think that all men should be like my father.

Right now from my childhood to adulthood, my dad plays a vital role in my life. My dad is my guide, my savior, my protector, my friend, and most importantly, the ultimate caretaker, because he nourishes me with the loving and protective atmosphere made by him. Because of that, my brothers and I have become very successful in school. We listen to everything he taught us and the advice and teaching he gives us will always be kept in our minds, hearts and souls. I know that his words will be very useful in life and we are very thankful that he shares his wisdom with us.

He has sacrificed a lot just for my brothers and me to go to a reputable school like Mount Carmel School. My eldest brother has already finished high school because of my dad's sacrifices and my second brother will soon follow. We are thankful because my dad taught us how to be good role models and a good influence to everyone, mostly the ones younger than us. My dad is not only a father to my brothers and me but he is also a father to all our friends. If I had the chance to be born again and pick the father I want, I would pick my one and only dad because I'm not the only one that is very proud of my father –even my friends are very proud of having someone that has a helping hand to lend in times of trouble.

But most of all, I love him because he is he!

The three of us Ziplining!

By CAITLIN YOUNG

I love my Dad because he is the best Dad in the world! What makes my Dad the best is that he plays the roles of "Dad" and "Mom" since he has raised my older sister and me as a single parent. He works so hard every day, he has his own business, but he still makes time for ball games, dance recitals, track meets or whatever my sister and I are involved in. We can tell Dad anything. He listens to us vent, he hugs us when we cry, and he corrects us when we need it. Our house burned in December, but my sister and I knew that when Dad said it would all be OK, it would be OK. We knew our dad would work non-stop until he had built it back, and that's exactly what he did. We know if we need anything, he will make it happen. He's a "dad" to all our friends as well. They all call him "Daddy Matt." His girlfriend has two boys whom he also treats like his own children. We have all become like one big family, and he is the Dad who loves us all. He does everything, from playing PlayStation with them to coaching them in wrestling or training them at the gym. They would say he deserves some kind of "Dad of the Year" award as well. He also takes care of anything his mother needs since she is a widow. He cuts her grass, takes care of her car, and does whatever she needs. He is the most unselfish person on the planet! He does all this and still manages to also be the best cook ever! My dad is the best!

By JANESSA ANYA MANGLONA AQUINO

Felipe Aldan Aquino

I love my dad because he inspires me to reach beyond the limits. I have a family of 10 and life has been no walk in the park. If we were to gain anything, hard work and perseverance must be given first. My dad has exemplified the characteristics of a father who works to provide, considers what is best for his family before himself, and still makes time for his children.

My dad worked at Customs for 18 years. His job required him to spend late hours at work. He was always willing to help even on his days off. It may have been stressful and tiresome at times, but it was what brought bread to the table. After 18 long years he finally retired and my mother became employed at the local hospital, but my father did not stop there.

After retiring, he spent a few months at home but felt the need to continue supporting his family. His decision was to work at a private business called Freedom Air. Again he became a provider for the household. Watching my dad struggle to provide a comfortable means of living inspired me to work hard for my family too. Although he may be busy, he still makes time to spend with his kids.

My dad never forgets to say "Good morning" when his kids wake up and "'Bye" when he leaves for work. When he returns home, he smiles and jokes around about how his day went or what he read on the news. He takes the time to ask how his kids' day was and offers his best advice when they are in doubt. Sometimes he will reschedule his working days to attend special ceremonies for his kids. What I love the most about my father is his motivation to become a better dad although he's already the best!

My dad smoked for 20 years. But one day, he made the momentous decision to quit. I can't imagine the struggle he must have gone through to resist what has been a part of his life for so long. It must have taken a lot of self-control and determination. He understood the pain cigarettes cause to the lives of his family. I'm proud to say that until this day he has not puffed a cigarette!

My father is a man who sticks to his words and is true to his promises. His effort to sustain his family has motivated me to work hard as well. He continues to work to support us, put the needs of his family first, and makes time in his busy schedule to be with his kids. I love you, Daddy!

By JUAN QUICHOCHO INOS III

The author is a 7th grade student at Hopwood Junior High School.

I love my dad for many reasons in life, but I love him most for is unconditional love, support, guidance, self-respect, his intelligence and most especially for simply being himself. Allow me to start by introducing my dad. He is Juan Quichocho Inos Sr. a.k.a. "Kuch" of Teneto Village, Rota, currently residing in Koblerville, Saipan. He is a retiree of the Commonwealth government and currently is an entrepreneur providing services in consulting.

My story begins like this. I was actually born to Jarrod T. and Leilani I. Manglona on July 1st, 1996, but about 11 years ago my grandfather Juan Q. Inos Sr. adopted me, making him the dad I have known all my life. I am forever grateful for the many things he has done for my siblings and me. My mom Lani and I can't thank him enough for accepting me into his heart so that she can further and complete her high school education. Without that love and support, we wouldn't know where we would be today.

My dad is my hero! Although my dad is hard on me, I know it's only to make me a stronger person. He has taught me that nothing in this world is impossible if I have the determination and commitment to strive for it. Whenever I encountered problems, he would tell me, "Put your two feet on the ground, lift your head up and always try your best." There wasn't any room to fail and give up. He is the kind of man that made things happen even when we were at the very bottom of the rock. He did not allow his family to suffer. He always had a solution. I look up to him, and I tell myself that he is the person I would like to be when I grow older.

My dad bestowed upon me honesty, self-respect, and pride to be who I am and not to be ashamed of my failures. Through my failures I will make wiser and smarter decisions.

I really miss the fun times he and I used to have. You see, my dad is sick now. He undergoes hemodialysis three times a week and there are times he's not in his best health. He is a strong man and fights his pain, but a person can only take so much. It hurts me to see him like that, but I need to be strong for him.

I have joined this contest to show my dad and people how important he is in my life. I appreciate everything he has taught me and done for my siblings and me. In case I do not win, I want my dad to know that I had tried and never gave up.

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Dad,

We want you to know that we are thankful for your unconditional love, hard work, support, and guidance. No words can express our appreciation. You are our hero! You stand as the best and No. 1 dad in the world! Si yu'us ma'ase yan en guiya hao ginen i fondon korason mami! *Happy Father's Day…* Biba ha'anen man tata! *From your children and grandchildren: Juan II, Christine Annette (Maggie Ann, Alfra Mae, Victorino III), Leilani Lynnette (Fidel Anton, Oryn Jordan), Candilyn Nanette, Rochelle Ann, and Juan III.*

By ANGELA MAMARIL

Editor's Note: The author is a 14-year-old student of Grace Christian Academy. Her father is Arturo Mamaril.

I love my dad because he is the true epitome of a father. Some families these days are broken and impecunious because of the new generation of fathers who seem flummoxed by their duties of the household. Many are quickly losing the true meaning of being a father. But my dad has a firm grip on his role. It is from his experiences that prove his ability to fulfill his part as a dad.

My dad grew up from humble beginnings. He had to walk miles to get to school. He had to work at a young age to help his parents. You see, if he hadn't walked that many miles to get to school, he wouldn't have the education he needed, complicating his chances to get a job so that his future would not be difficult. If he had not helped his parents, his siblings would not be able to live today. All the obstacles my dad has gone through paid off. But it did not pay off in the "billionaire-entrepreneur type" of way. It paid off by making him one of the best dads one can ever have. My father didn't grow up with a television. If he had, he would've been able to watch violent programs that could impact his way of controlling his temper. He didn't grow up with a full closet of clothes or a trunkload of toys. If he did, he would have been spoiled and spent every dollar ever earned endlessly, sending our family to initial bankruptcy. My dad didn't grow up with a car. If he had, he would've loved to travel anywhere, all the time, and leave his family without a proper father figure at home. Because of his adversaries growing up, he has become a very sensible father.

Picture shows Arturo and Angelita H. Mamaril.

Most people, who have experienced similarly what my dad faced would use their experiences as an excuse to cheat, to lie, and to steal. My dad did the opposite. He used his experience to learn to love, to care, and to support. He used it as a drive or push to help our family become prim and proper and also well educated. Last year, I made it to the National Spelling Bee in Washington DC. If I had a dad who did not have the determination to support us, I would have gone nowhere. My brothers and I would not be as smart as we are. I am sure he is proud of each and every one of us in the family for any little thing we achieve, but I am more appreciative for the encouraging little speeches he gives us. They may be simple sentences, but they tend to speak to me more than that.

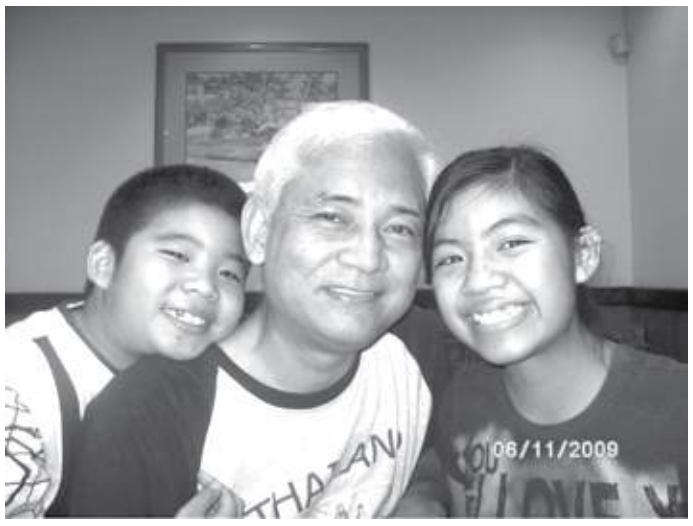
I love my dad because of the way he raises us. His parents were strict and conservative. Sometimes, people let their children loose so that their kids won't experience the harshness that their parents gave them. But my dad took his parents' way of raising a child and used it on us. Never have my brothers and I disrupted a church service or cause a commotion at the grocery store. Now, that proves proper parenting skill.

A few days ago, I saw my dad holding a baby in his arms. As I watched him, I tried to depict myself 14 years back and in his arms. I try to see the smile and love in his face as he is holding me when I am an infant. That's when I can be assured I am safe. There was this one time that happened recently when I was afraid. It was dark and there were strange lights outside my window. I was obviously frightened and I hid under my blanket. I couldn't move but the lights outside kept flashing. I called out to my dad and he came rushing to my room, assuring me that it was going to be okay. That was when I knew I was safe. Being in the presence of my dad was always a promise that I was safe.

My brothers and I owe all our current triumphs to our parents. Our dad built us a firm structure of moral values to live on. Although we don't live in the Taj Mahal, the structure of life our dad built for us proves to be grander than that.

Being a father not only requires intelligence and hard work, but also the audacity to risk everything for the ones you love. A fatherless man may think of this as ridiculous and risk everything for money. But a father would not trade his family for a billion dollars or more. It is impossible to replace a father's love for his children. My dad has loved, cared, and provided for his family. When I know that I am backed by my dad's unconditional love, I know that everything else is going to be okay.

The job of a father is a tough, around-the-clock task, but my dad is doing great at this. With all the love and support he gives us, I am certain that he has the true essence of a father.

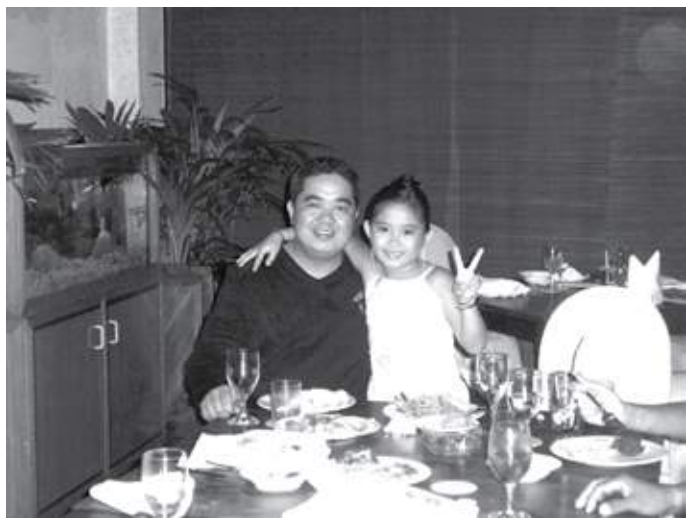


By ANDREA GRACE C. MANESE

My dad's name is Deogracias J. Manese. I love my dad because he is a loving and caring person. He is an honest and a respectful person. He will always stand up for what is right and for what is good. My dad is a role model for me and my brother. He teaches us to do the right things, to be honest, to love everyone, and to respect them, but most importantly he teaches us about God.

My dad always supports me, my brother, and my mom in everything we do. My dad is the kind of person who works hard for what he wants and for what me, my brother, and my mom's wants and needs.

My dad is the kind of friend that will always be beside you until the very end. He will be there for happy and sad and for the good and the bad. My dad is the kind of dad that will love his family forever. My dad may not be the perfect person, but he is the perfect father, and I love him for who he is.



By PATRICIA ANGELA SANTIAGO

My dad's name is Marciano Alvaro Santiago. His friend's call him Mar. I love my dad because he has a tremendous sense of humor. He makes me laugh all the time. I know that my dad loves me too. He loves my family so much.

My dad is the best father in the whole world because he always has time for us. Sometimes he would take us to go watch movies, go swimming, and go eat in restaurants. I always enjoy being with my dad.

My dad is not a perfect person. He is just perfectly unperfect. I love my dad just the way he is.

Another reason why i love my dad is because he puts us first before anything else. One-time my brother was sick .My dad came home right away just to bring him to the hospital from work. My dad is the father that gives all his love, time, and attention. That is how a father should be.

My dad is the father that gives all his love, time and attention. That's how a father should be.

To be father is to fulfill a noble vocation. Once they become fathers, they remain fathers until they die. A true father must be a leader, a captain who guides its family's ship through perilous water to safe shores. A general who rallies his troops to take on the daily battles. Fathers will not be able to fulfill their tasks without finding firm faith in God, when they do, our families and the entire country will be strengthened because strong families form the backbone of our nation.

My kids love their Dad because…

By SSG MAYLYNN BABAUTA

Editor's Note: Maylynn Babauta is with the 25th Infantry Division LNO based in Ali Al Salem, Kuwait.

Hafadai, my name is SSG Maylynn Babauta. I am currently deployed to Kuwait and have been here since November 2008. This is officially my second deployment in the past three years of being stationed in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. I am writing this essay on behalf of my son, Kody, and two nephews DJ and Ethan, who are currently residing on Saipan with my father.

After being in the military for over six years now, I have been drawn away from my family and my child, moving from Korea to Oklahoma to Hawaii and now in the Middle East. My son has resided with me for only about one year out of the six that I have been in the military. Throughout that one year, his grandfather, my father, called everyday to speak with my son because he was the only father figure that Kody had ever had in his life. That was a rough year since I was a single parent, but even with the distance between Kody and his grandfather, they managed to keep close with the phone calls.

Once I got my orders to go on my first deployment, my parents sent my sister and nephew, DJ, to Hawaii to care for Kody. I had thought that by having Kody stay in Hawaii he could have a better education than what he would receive on Saipan, but I was wrong. Toward the end of deployment, one month short of redeployment, my mother passed away. Those were some of the most dreadful days in my life, especially after seeing how heartbroken my father was. He would not speak to anyone until the day that Kody and DJ had arrived on Saipan.

The joy he had on his face was indescribable; it seemed to him that even after a tragic loss, everything was going to be okay since he was reunited with his grandchildren. My sisters and I had a hard time trying to talk to our father after our loss, but his grandchildren were able to put a smile on his face. That eventually made him open up to us. I guess we should never underestimate the power of kids, because even if they are still growing up and do not understand the life of an adult, they do understand the feelings of their loved ones and in their eyes they saw that my father was hurting and they wanted to comfort him by talking to him.

My son, Kody, and nephews DJ and Ethan all grew up in the hands and care of my father. He may not be the real father of these three boys but to them he will always be their father. My success in the military would never have been possible without the support of my father for these three boys. He is the father that will always be there for them as he was there for my sisters and me. As I had stated earlier, when I moved Kody to Hawaii, I had wanted him to have a better education and for him to experience life out of Saipan, but I was wrong. Kody was never happy being away from my father and being away from Saipan, his true home.

So here I am writing this on behalf of three little boys who have grown these past years with the love and care from their grandfather. In today's society we have a lot of children being raised by single parents or even grandparents; it is not fair to a child grow up without a mother or father. So in order to ensure our children grow up with both a mother and father in their lives, we as parents turn to the next mother/father figures in our lives for help. These three boys are examples of how their grandfather stepped into their lives to teach them how to grow up and be better men when they get older. This is why they love their Dad-Grandpa.

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I love my Dad because...

By SHANNA MENDOZA

Editor's Note: Shanna Mendoza, 13, is a 7th grader at Ladera International School of Saipan.

I love my dad because he means the world to me. If it weren't for him, I wouldn't be here in this world. My dad is someone who thinks of his children first than himself. He's a hard worker and he makes sure that we get the right education, so that when we grow older, we can easily find a job that can support our families. He works hard every day so that we can have bread on the table and a roof on top of our heads. I just know without a shadow of doubt that he'd do anything to make me and my siblings happy.

No matter what I did, or how much trouble I got into, my dad has always been there for me. He talks things out for me when I'm confused or just need a shoulder to cry on. He supports and encourages me to do what I want. He hates to see me sad. He loves when I am happy. He protects me when I'm scared. In my opinion, my dad is the epitome of amazing.

Even though my dad and I get into really big fights, I can never stay angry at him. I could only ignore him for half an hour before I jump on the couch next to him, flash him a huge smile and tell him a cheesy joke, and then everything between us would be all fine and dandy.

When I'm feeling self-conscious about myself, he'd never hesitate to tell me I'm beautiful. He'd make me go in front of a mirror and tell me to stop looking at all of my flaws and start looking for my positive aspects because then, I'd see a very pretty girl in front of me. And it never ever fails to lift up my mood when he comes home from work and I'd ask him how his day was, he'd look at me and smile as if to say, "*It just got better*."

But what I love most about my dad is that he's *my* dad and no one else's. I believe that he is the best dad in the whole entire world. No one can beat him, and as much as I hate to say it, no other man can come close. Everything about him, from the top of his head to the tip of his toes, that's my dad and I love him like there's no tomorrow.

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1. **General:** The following revisions, additions, corrections, and/or clarifications to the specifications and drawings shall apply to the work affected thereby. Careful note of this Addendum shall be taken by the bidder/contractor, and all trades affected shall be fully advised of the information contained herein. In the event of a conflict between drawings, specifications and this Addendum, the contents of this Addendum shall govern. All further conflicts in the work resulting from, or caused by, the contents of this Addendum must be brought to the attention of the Contracting Officer for resolution. **Failure to acknowledge this bid Addendum in accordance with instructions may subject your bid to rejection on the affected item(s)/service(s).**

2. **Pre-Bid Conference:** A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at ***Thursday, June 11,2009 at 10:00 a.m. local time at the Solid Waste Management Division's Lower Base Transfer Station, Lower Base, Sa/pan, MP.***

3. **All Questions:** All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time ***Thursday, June 18, 2009*** to Mr. Steve Hiney, Contracting Officer's Technical Representative, Lower Base Transfer Station, or fax to (670) 322-2762.

4. **Sealed Bids:** must be marked "DPW09-IFB-019". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. July 6,2009. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 9:00 a.m. local time July 6, 2009, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-Mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 6, 2009, and must be received no later than July 15, 2009. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

5. **Bid Opening:** Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, July 16,2009, However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids wil1 be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on July 6, 2009

All other requirements of the Invitation for Bids of the project package remain as stated.

/s/ DIEGO B. SONGSONG
Secretary of Public Works

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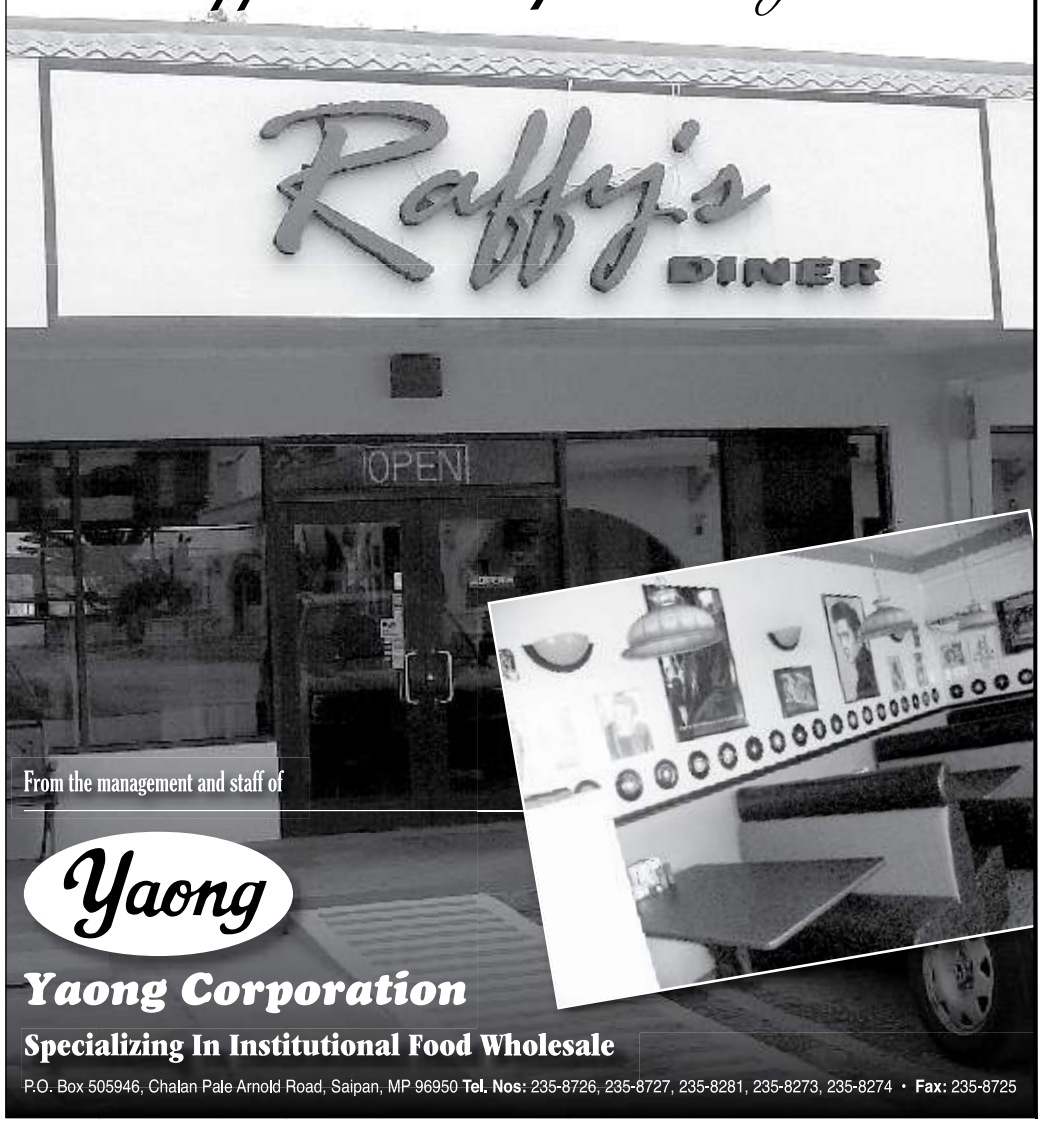

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My kids love their Dad because...

By ANA PANTALEON

Editor's Note: This essay is about Jesus Agapito Pantaleon, 38, the Accounting Manager of PSG Professional Corp. in San Jose, Saipan. He is father to Alyssa Jean, 9; Catrina Jean, 8; and Earljean Jonathan, 10 months.

My kids love their Dad because he is a great provider.

First, he is a great provider of needs. He works very hard to send them to a good school, live in a decent house, eat good food, buy them nice clothes and when they deserve it take them to McDonald's, Shirley's and even a nice vacation in the Philippines.

Second, he is a great provider of time. Despite his busy schedule, he makes it a point that he has time to be with them. Be it a morning picnic at American Memorial, watching a movie, playing Mexican train, or a picnic at the beach. Since my kids started going to school, there is not one program or school activity that he is not there. Every graduation, play, school production, Christmas party, Thanksgiving party, class party and even field trips, he makes sure that he is a part of them. He is always there to give them moral support and encouragement. He always shows them that he is proud of them and their achievements. He also finds time to help them with their homework.

Third, he is a great provider of love. Beyond his big physique, he is a very soft person inside. He loves his children very much and he is not shy to say and show them. He makes it a point to give them a hug when they feel bad, a kiss when they do something good and tell them "I love you" just to remind them how important they are to him. A part of that love, he also disciplines them with understanding and compassion. They get grounded when they break the rules and even give them a spank when needed. But he makes sure that they understand why they are being punished and assures them that it was done because he loves them. He wants them to grow up as a good person who knows how to follow rules.

Last and definitely not the least, he is a great provider of faith. My children are very lucky because they have a father who has a good relationship with God. He imparts his faith in God with his kids. Our children understand the value of obedience and love of God through their Dad. He is not only the leader of the worship team in church he is also the worship leader in our household. We know that he is not perfect and but he does his best to obey God's words. Because of that we are very blessed with everything that we have. He is a great gift of God not only to us his family but also to the many people that he has helped.

That's why this Father's Day, his kids AJ, CJ, and EJ would like to give thanks and tribute to a wonderful person that has always been so selfless in his love for his children, his family and his friends, Jesus Agapito Pantaleon.

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By ELOISA MANESE

My kids love their Dad because he's simply the best dad in the whole world. I thank the Lord for He blessed me with such wonderful husband and a very loving and caring father to our children. I never dreamed that I'd be lucky enough to find a man whose love could lift me above anything the world could bring my way.

He works hard to provide for our family and most especially for our children's needs and making sure that their future are secured. A very responsible father from the time our children was born into this world, he always finds time to be with our kids, he loves reading stories or even making up some that make them laugh. He teaches our kids good values and how to pray and be closer to God. Our children adore him so much and they want to be like him. A very simple man with a few words but very compassionate. We love him and we know that we couldn't share home and family with a more loving husband and a wonderful father. It is just fitting that we give tribute to him this Father's Day, to my husband, my friend, Happy Father's Day with all our love.

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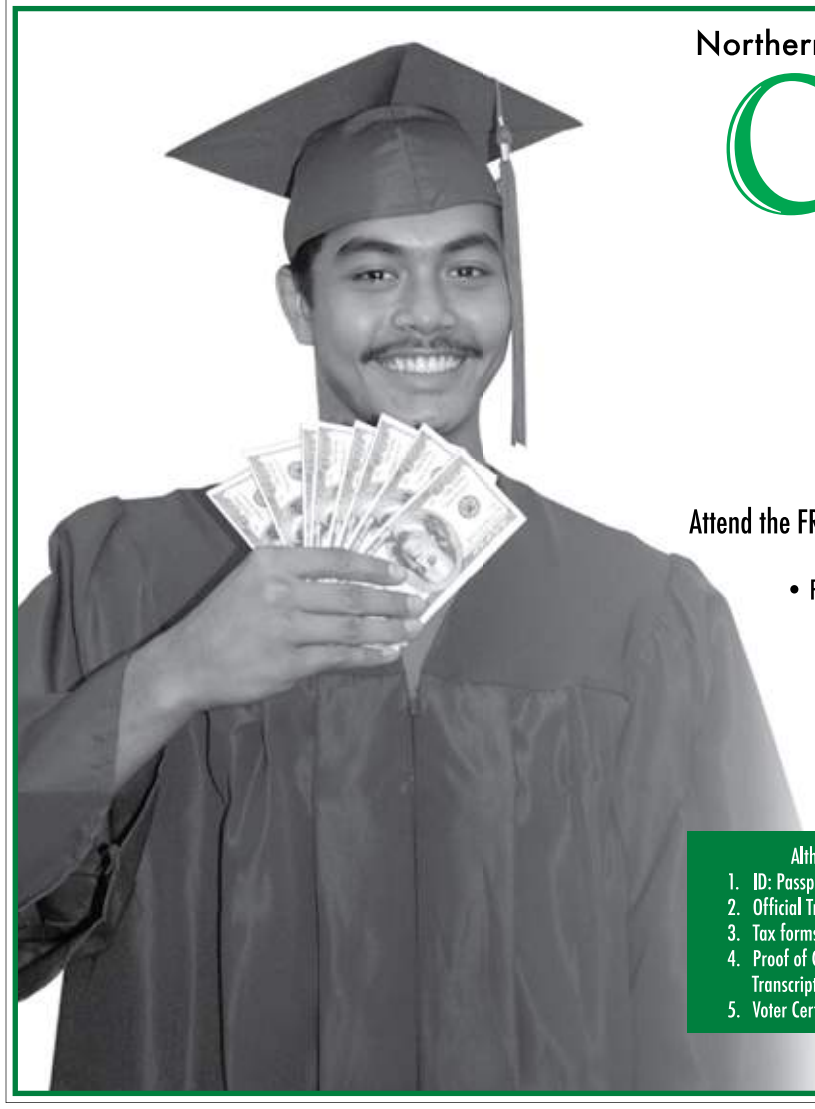

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3. Tax forms: Your OR your parents' signed 2008 1040 form (2008 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes)
4. Proof of CNMI residency for 2007 and 2008 (For Example, CNMI 1040 tax form, Employment Verification from your employer, Official Transcripts, Voter's Certification, etc.)
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Business

New financial rules: Major changes for big, small

WASHINGTON (AP)—From simple home loans to Wall Street's most exotic schemes, the government would impose and enforce sweeping new "rules of the road" for the nation's battered financial system under an overhaul proposed Wednesday by President Barack Obama.

Aimed at preventing a repeat of the worst economic crisis in seven decades, the changes would begin to reverse a determined campaign pressed in the 1980s by President Ronald Reagan to cut back on federal regulations.

Obama's plan would do little to streamline the alphabet soup of agencies that oversee the financial sector. But it calls for fundamental shifts in authority that would eliminate one regulatory agency, create another and both enhance and undercut the authority of the powerful Federal Reserve.

The new agency, a consumer protection office, would specifically take over oversight of mortgages, requiring that lenders give customers the option of "plain vanilla" plans with straightforward and affordable terms. Lenders who repackage loans and sell them to investors as securities would be required to retain 5 percent of the credit risk—a figure some analysts believe is too low.

In all, the Obama's broad proposal cheered consumer advocates and dismayed the banking industry with its proposed creation of a regulator to protect consumers in all their banking transactions, from mortgages to credit cards. Large insurers protested the administration's decision not to impose a standard, federal regulation on the insurance industry, leaving it to the separate states as at present. Mutual funds succeeded in staying under the jurisdiction of the Securities and Exchange Commission instead of the new consumer protection agency.

Obama cast his proposals as an attempt to find a middle ground between the benefits and excesses of capitalism.

Oil lingers near $71 amid falling inventories

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices lingered near $71 a barrel Thursday in Asia, arresting a recent decline as falling U.S. crude inventories suggested demand is improving.

Benchmark crude for July delivery fell 4 cents to $70.99 a barrel by midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Wednesday, it rose 56 cents to settle at $71.03.

Prices dipped below $70 a barrel earlier this week from an eight-month high near $73 last week on investor concern that the economy may not recover as fast as some traders anticipate.

The Energy Information Administration said Wednesday that crude inventories fell last week by 3.9 million barrels, or 1.1 percent, and have dropped 10.8 million barrels over the last four weeks.

While U.S. inventories are still bloated with the most oil in nearly 16 years, analysts see the recent drawdowns as a sign that gasoline demand is recovering.

"The tightening of the U.S. market is continuing," Barclays Capital said in a report. "U.S. gasoline demand continues its clear improving trend."

U.S. retail gasoline prices have risen 50 straight days as demand during the summer holiday season exceeded expectations of refiners.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the Procurement and Delivery of Paint Supplies to the Rota International Airport.

The scope of work entails the purchase and delivery of new paint supplies for the terminal building at the Rota International Airport. The detailed scope of work will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on Friday, June 19, 2009. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all shipping costs and taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Procurement and Delivery of New Paint Supplies for the Rota International Airport Terminal Building". One original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: June 17, 2009

Saipan Cockfight Board
Municipality of Saipan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to 1 CMC, Division 9 subsection 9910, Honorable Juan B. Tudela, Mayor of Saipan, hereby gives notice that the Saipan Cockfighting Board will hold its regular meeting on Monday, June 22, 2009, at 9 a.m. at the Marianas Cockfight Arena in Gualo Rai on Chalan Pale Arnold.

I. Preliminary Matters
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda

II. Public Comments

III. New Business
a. June 8, 2009, Hack fight Protest (filed by Carlos Diaz)

IV. Executive Session

V. Miscellaneous
a. Announcements
b. Next Meeting
c. Adjournment

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Please do not take for granted your right to choose your leaders. Exercise your precious right to vote in our open primary. The polls in all election precincts on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian, will be open on SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2009, FROM 7 AM TO 6 PM.

For more information, please contact the CNMI REPUBLICAN PARTY office at 235-4GOP/4467, or stop by the CNMI REPUBLICAN PARTY office at the Oleai Center, Suite 113, San Jose Village, Saipan. Also visit the CNMI REPUBLICAN PARTY website at www.cnmigop.org.

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Nation

Obama: More benefits for gay workers only one step

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama signaled to gay-rights activists Wednesday that he's listening to their desire for greater equality in "a more perfect union." But he didn't give them even close to everything they want, bringing to the surface an anger that's been growing against the president.

"We all have to acknowledge this is only one step," Obama said in the Oval Office, where he signed a memorandum extending some benefits, such as visitation or dependent-care rights, to the same-sex partners of gay federal employees.

But the president's critics—and there were many—saw the incremental move to expand gay rights as little more than pandering to a reliably Democratic voting bloc, with the primary aim not of making policy more fair but of cutting short a fundraising boycott.

"When a president tells you he's going to be different, you believe him," said John Aravosis, a Washington-based gay activist. "It's not that he didn't follow through on his promises, he stabbed us in the back."

ACROSS THE NATION

Senate off to a rocky start on health care

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hoping to make history, the Senate set off on its major overhaul of the nation's health care system Wednesday, but its first steps were quickly overtaken by fresh cost concerns and partisan anger. An ambitious timetable that called for completing committee action in early summer seemed in danger of slipping away. The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee began work on a bill encompassing President Barack Obama's top legislative priority. It marked the first time since President Bill Clinton's ill-starred attempt in the early 1990s that Congress was tackling such a broad overhaul. But the more important Senate Finance Committee announced it would delay action, as senators sought to retool their proposals to slash the cost by more than one-third, from an initial $1.6 trillion over 10 years, to less than $1 trillion. Of the five major panels working on health care, Finance has the best odds of coming up with a bipartisan proposal that could overcome gathering opposition.

Sen. Ensign's admission blurs conservative image

LAS VEGAS (AP)—For much of his public career, Sen. John Ensign has appeared a model of the religious right. By this week, he had become just another politician diminished by scandal. Rattled, humbled and alone at the podium, Ensign acknowledged to reporters an extramarital affair, the sort of moral failing he's criticized in the past. The Nevada Republican once called on President Bill Clinton to resign, declaring "the truth must come out." In October 2007, he was sharply critical of former Sen. Larry Craig, of Idaho, calling the Republican's arrest in an airport bathroom sex sting "embarrassing for the Senate."

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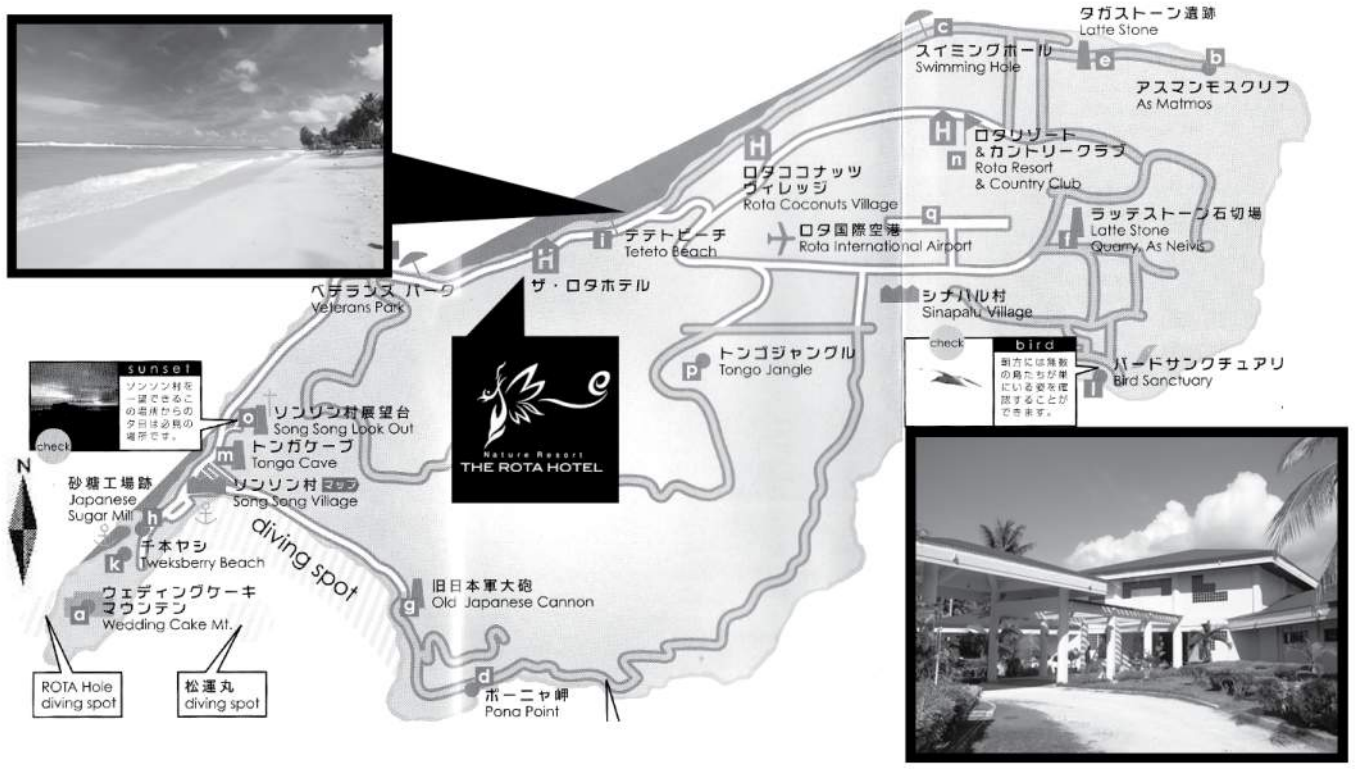

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NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

ESTHER A. CASTRO and WAYNE T. ALDAN (collectively "Trustor"), on or about September 20, 2001, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 2, 2001 under Document No. 01-2164 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 330 R 21 containing an area of 838 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 330 R 02, dated March 13, 1992, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 92-858, dated March 16, 1992, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on July 17, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$31,830.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **July 16, 2009**, at **4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than July 16, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2009.

/S/JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director, NMHC

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ANTONIA T. TEIGITA/ EFRAIN T. TEIGITA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about August 1, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on August 1, 1984 under Document No. 84-1366 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 003 B 16, and Containing an area of 1,117 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 003 B 02, the original of which was registered with the Land Commission as Document 5979, on the 4th day of April, 1977.

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Corporate Director, NMHC

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World

'NKorea may fire missile toward Hawaii'

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea may launch a long-range ballistic missile toward Hawaii in early July, a Japanese news report said Thursday, as Russia and China urged the regime to return to international disarmament talks on its rogue nuclear program.

The missile, believed to be a Taepodong-2 with a range of up to 4,000 miles (6,500 kilometers), would be launched from North Korea's Dongchang-ni site on the northwestern coast, said the Yomiuri daily, Japan's top-selling newspaper. It cited an analysis by the Japanese Defense Ministry and intelligence gathered by U.S. reconnaissance satellites.

The missile launch could come between July 4 and 8, the paper said.

While the newspaper speculated the Taepodong-2 could fly over Japan and toward Hawaii, it said the missile would not be able to hit Hawaii's main islands, which are about 4,500 miles (7,200 kilometers) from the Korean peninsula.

A spokesman for the Japanese Defense Ministry declined to comment on the report. South Korea's Defense Ministry and the National Intelligence Service—the country's main spy agency—said they could not confirm it.

Tension on the divided Korean peninsula has spiked since the North conducted its second nuclear test on May 25 in defiance of repeated international warnings. The regime declared Saturday it would bolster its nuclear programs and threatened war in protest of U.N. sanctions taken for the nuclear test.

Iran accuses US of meddling in crisis

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran directly accused the United States of meddling in the deepening crisis over a disputed presidential election and broadened its media clampdown Wednesday to include blogs and news Web sites. But protesters took to the streets in growing defiance of the country's Islamic rulers.

The sweep of events—including more arrests and a call for another mass opposition march through Tehran—displayed the sharpening attacks by authorities but also the unprecedented challenges directed at the very heart of Iran's Islamic regime: its supreme leader and the cleric-run system.

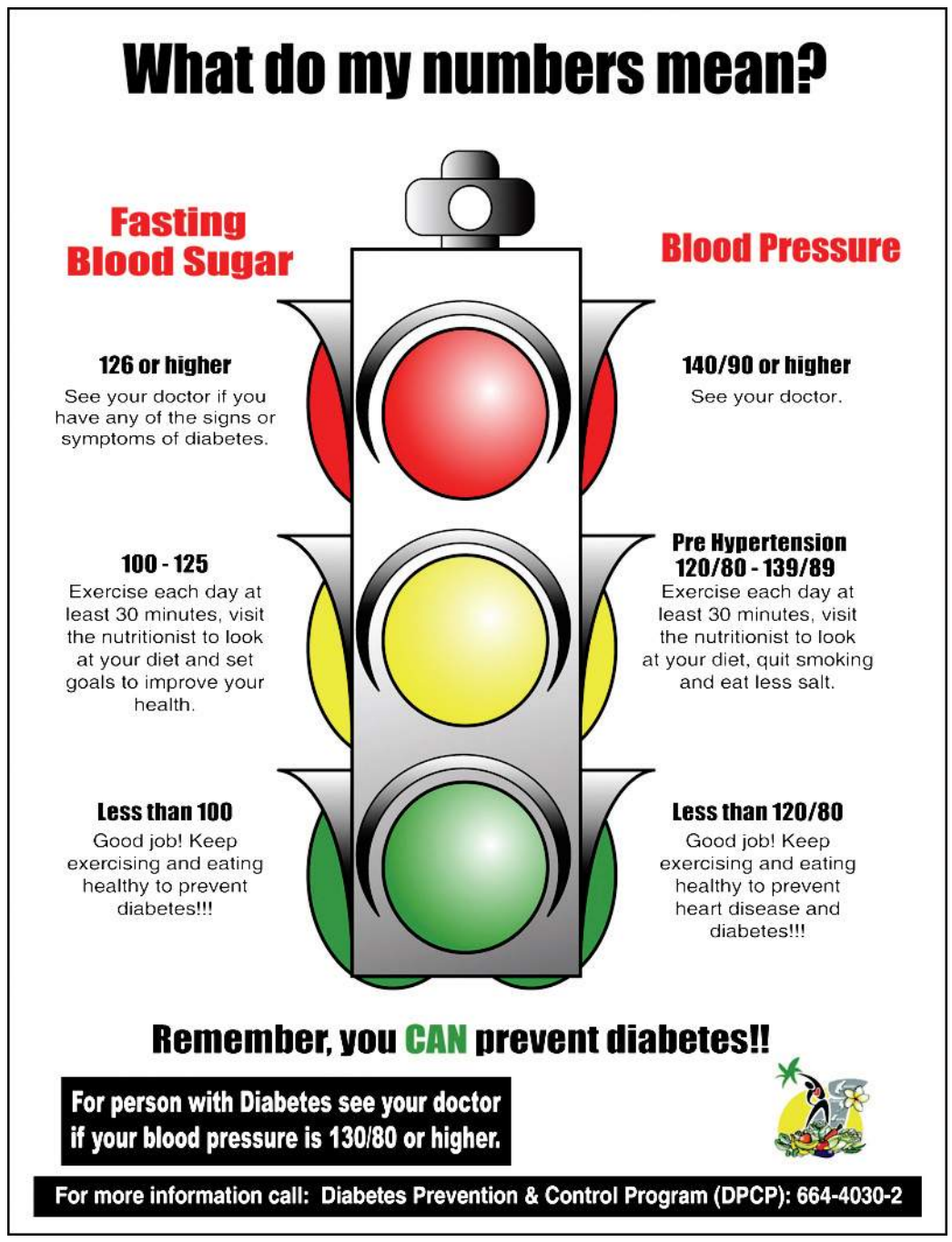
Any serious shift of the protest anger toward Iran's non-elected theocracy would sharply change the stakes. Instead of a clash over the June 12 election results, it would become a showdown over the core premise of Iran's system of rule—the almost unlimited authority of the clerics at the top.

For the moment, however, both sides appear to be using the same tactics since the disputed results showed hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as the landslide winner.

Opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi called for another mass rally Thursday in defiance of Iran's most powerful figure, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has urged the nation to unite behind the Islamic state.

Authorities rounded up perceived dissidents and tried to further muzzle Web sites and other networks used by Mousavi's backers to share information and send out details of Iran's crisis after foreign journalists were banned from reporting in the streets.

Officials also stepped up claims that foreign hands have been behind the unrest.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For more information call: Diabetes Prevention & Control Program (DPCP): 664-4030-2

2009 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROGRAM
JULY 6 - 31, 2009

ROTA		
NAME	PLACEMENT	AGENCY
AGUON, Loraina L.	Council Aide	RMC
ALPINO, Katelyn M.	Weights & Measures	Dept. of Commerce
APATANG, Berlani B.	Fire Fighter	DPS
APATANG, Bonita B.	Front Desk Clerk	Kin & Rit Inc
APATANG, Derald H.	Radio/Weather Observer	CPA
APATANG, Dexter H.	ARFF	CPA
ATALIG, Cisco M.	Ports Police	CPA
ATALIG, Donovan M.	Seaport Operation	CPA
ATALIG, Jerry T., II	Police Officer	DPS
ATALIG, Mardel M.	Stock Clerk	3 Kings Ent
ATALIG, Sylvana M.	Receptionist	CPA
ATALIG, Tonica A.	Administrative Assistant	DPS
BARCINAS, Patrick O.	Police Officer	DPS
CABLAY, Alfredo G., Jr.	Mechanic Helper	DPW
CABLAY, Juan A.	ABTC Trainee	Dept. of Commerce
CELIS, Joy Q.	Office Clerk	Casino Gaming Commission
GALINATO, Janelle T.	Front Desk Clerk	The Rota Hotel
GUIAWN, Mark E.	Forestry Technician	DLNR
GUILLERMO, Arthur H.	Administrative Assistant	DPS
GUILLERMO, Lazaro H.	Council Aide	12th RMC
GUILLERMO, Marylyn H.	Filing Clerk	3 Kings Ent
GUZMAN, Laticia H.	Council Aide	12th RMC
HIPOLIFO, Norjay B.	Stock Clerk	Kin & Rit Inc
HIPOLITO, Ryan B.	Upward Bound/ETS	NMC
HIZON, Aurionne R.	Office Clerk	Casino Gaming Commission
HOCOG, Felix M.	Computer Lab Technician	NMC
HOCOG, Valen C.	ARFF	CPA
IGISAIAR, April A.	Office Aide	Rota Jr HS
IGISAIAR, Nadine A.	Ports Police	CPA
KANI, William A.	Stock Clerk	3 Kings Ent Sinapalo
LIZAMA, Jose R.	Forestry Technician	DLNR
LIZAMA, Paul R., Jr.	Forestry Technician	DLNR
LIZAMA, Samson R.	Forestry Technician	DLNR
MANGLONA, Bill M.	Forestry Technician	DLNR
MANGLONA, Ignacio C., Jr.	Trades Helper	CUC Power
MANGLONA, Jayville M.	Police Officer	DPS
MANGLONA, Joreena C.	Administrative Assistant	NMC
MANGLONA, Laura M.	Administrative Assistant	DPS
MANGLONA, Manases, M., Jr.	Forestry Technician	DLNR
MANGLONA, Marlo M.	Fire Fighter	DPS
MANGLONA, Mike O., Jr.	Office Clerk	DPW
MANGLONA, Misael O.	Warehouseman	Ace Hardware
MANGLONA, Nuke M.	Police Officer	DPS
MANGLONA, Roxanne A.	Statistician	Dept. of Commerce
MARATITA, Andrei A.	Upward Bound/ETS	NMC
MARATITA, Romalina M.	Bookkeeper	Kin & Rit Inc
MASGA, Alvir P.	Council Aide	RMC
MASGA, Austin B.	Ports Police	CPA
MASGA, Camille S.	Ports Police	CPA
MASGA, Carmen	Seaport Operation	CPA
MASGA, Melody P.	4-H Youth Development	NMC
MASGA, Shawn	Police Officer	DPS
MENDIOLA, Aleen U.	Council Aide	12th RMC
MENDIOLA, David B., II	Forestry Technician	DLNR
MENDIOLA, Maria S.	Administrative Assistant	CUC
MENDIOLA, Rose S.	Council Aide	12th RMC
MEREB, Marilyn	Office Aide	Rota Jr HS
MESNGON, Loriann L.	Receptionist	CPA
OGO, Jeannida M.	Office Clerk	DPW
PANGELINAN, Justin B.	Ports Police	CPA
PINAULA, Gina C.	Seaport Operation	CPA
POLL, Alberson H.	Ports Police	CPA
QUIAMBAU, Mark E.	Data Entry Keyer	Dept. of Commerce
QUITUGUA, Raphael B.	Fire Fighter	DPS
REYES, Albert P.	Forestry Technician	DLNR
REYES, Allan P.	Council Aide	12th RMC
REYES, Anthony P., Jr.	Stock Clerk	Ace Hardware
RICHARDS, Brian M., Jr.	ARFF	CPA
ROCOMA, Juanita N.	Distance Learning	NMC
SAKISAT, Raymelyn D.	Seaport Operation	CPA
SALAZAR, Anton R.	Administrative Assistant	DPS
SOLANG, Jeremy J.	Council Aide	12th RMC
SOLANG, Vannie VJ.	Administrative Assistant	MVA
TABALIN, Noel T.	Council Aide	12th RMC
TAIMANAO, Ali B.	Firefighter	Dept. of Public Safety
TAIMANAO, Franco SN.	Council Aide	12th RMC
TAIMANAO, Jermain	Stock Clerk	3 Kings Ent Songsong
TAIMANAO, Thomas SN.	Project Inspector Assistant	DPW
TAKESHI, Abrahamson	Radio/Weather Observer	CPA
TAKESHI, Carmelita N.	Office Aide	Rota Jr HS
ULLOA, Felix U., Jr.	Council Aide	12th RMC
ULLOA, Robert Jr. B.	Fire Fighter	DPS

TINIAN		
NAME	PLACEMENT	AGENCY
ALVAREZ, Jeremiah M.	Youth Center Aide	Office of the Mayor
AQUININGOC, Liane M.	Library Aide	Office of the Mayor
AQUININGOC, Lucinda M.	Administrative Spec. I	MVA
AQUINO, Phylleshia M.	Recreation Trainee	DCCA Sports & Recreation
ATALIG, Khrysyne	Accounts Clerk	THC Accounting
AYUYU, Holly E.	Receptionist	CPA
AYUYU, Nick E.	Tariff Tech	CPA
BARCINAS, Evander G.	Youth Center Aide	Office of the Mayor
BARCINAS, Jan G.	Data Entry/Teacher Aide	Tinian Jr High School
BENGHIT, Renebhoy S.	Sports Trainee	DCCA Youth Services
BORJA, Anthony H.	Office Clerk	DCCA Community Development
BORJA, Craig H.	HPO Technician	Historic Preservation
BORJA, Esteban M., III	Trades Technician	THC Maintenance
BORJA, Julycia H.	Administrative Assistant	DCCA Administration
BORJA, Leanna M.	Data Entry Clerk	Bridge Investment Group
BORJA, Marthonia C.	Enforcement & Compliance	Retirement Fund
BORJA, Ramon H., Jr.	HPO Technician	DCCA Historic Preservation
BUGARIN, Marielle J.	Administrative Assistant	Office of the Mayor
CABAY, Jimual P.	Youth Center Aide	Office of the Mayor
CABRERA, Edwin B., Jr.	Administrative Assistant	12th TMC
CABRERA, Kulio B.	Job Placement Assistant	DOL
CABRERA, Steve R.	Law Enforcement Trainee	DOL
CEPEDA, Marynita C.	Recreation Technician	Tinian Youth Center
CEPEDA, Nikki C.	Office Clerk	DCCA Youth Services
CEPEDA, Peter C., Jr.	Youth Center Aide	Office of the Mayor
CLEMENTE, Kimberly M.	Administrative Assistant	Office of the Mayor
CRUZ, Alison P.	Office Clerk	DCCA Sports & Recreation
CRUZ, Brandon C.	Law Enforcement Trainee	DOL
CRUZ, Ervin C. Jr.	Youth Center Aide	Office of the Mayor
CRUZ, Genetta C.	Recreation Trainee	DCCA Sports & Recreation
CRUZ, Jamila C.	Office Clerk	DCCA Office on Aging
CRUZ, Jordan G.	Data Entry/Teacher Aide	Tinian Jr High School
CRUZ, Joseph S., Jr.	Youth Center Aide	Office of the Mayor
CRUZ, Kenny G., Jr.	Sports Trainee	DCCA Youth Services
CRUZ, Michelle M.	Office Clerk	CDA
CRUZ, Myrese N.	Administrative Assistant	Office of the Mayor
CRUZ, Shelina G.	Administrative Assistant	DCCA Administration
CRUZ, Sherlyn G.	Administrative Assistant	THC Administration
ENRIQUEZ, Edward A.	Pump Attendant	Tinian Fuel Services
ESPINOSA, Carl Q.	Env. Health Technician	THC BEH
ESPINOSA, Crystal Q.	Administrative Assistant	MVA
EVANGELISTA, Martina B.	Office Clerk	Historic Preservation
EVANGELISTA, Necie B.	Medical Records Clerk	THC Medical Records
EVANGELISTA, Paula B.	Office Clerk	THC Nursing
FAMAW, Christopher J.	Env. Health Technician	THC BEH
HOCOG, Joseph M.	Administrative Assistant	Office of the Mayor
HOFSCHNEIDER, Edward M.	Data Entry/Teacher Aide	Tinian Jr High School
HOFSCHNEIDER, Elmo M.	Weather Observer	CPA
IGNACIO, Jerome DLS.	Recreation Technician	Tinian Youth Center
IGNACIO, Joel DLS.	HPO Technician	DCCA Historic Preservation
LIBUT, Jim A.	Data Entry/Teacher Aide	Tinian Jr High School
LIZAMA, Donovan M.	Enforcement Trainee	DOC ABTC
MACARANAS, Ginella SN.	Law Enforcement Trainee	DOL
MANGLONA, Joey P.	Sports Trainee	DCCA Youth Services
MANGLONA, Trilana P.	Recreation Trainee	DCCA Sports & Recreation
MANIMTIM, Laraine A.	Office Clerk	DCCA Youth Services
MAPESO, Mark L.	Sports Trainee	DCCA Youth Services
MAUI, Asako P.	Env. Health Technician	THC BEH
MAUI, Develle P.	Administrative Assistant	THC Administration
MAUI, Malcolm P.	HPO Technician	DCCA Historic Preservation
MUNA, Kiana I.	Administrative Assistant	12th TMC
MUNDO, Genevie A.	Accounts Clerk	THC
NEDEDOG, Lisa Ann	Cashier	Tinian Fuel Services
OMAR, Virginia A.	Medical Referral Clerk	THC Medical Referral
PALACIOS, Dorsia A.	Receptionist	DPW
PAULINO, Jorgianna SN	Youth Center Aide	Office of the Mayor
SABLAN, Chantyll Q.	Recreation Technician	Tinian Youth Center
SAKISAT, Eda T.	Receptionist	DPW
SAN NICOLAS, Irenia	Clerk	Retirement Fund
SANTOS, Gabriel L., Jr.	Enforcement Trainee	DOC ABTC
SANTOS, Joel SN.	Youth Center Aide	Office of the Mayor
SANTOS, John SN.	Ports Police	CPA
SANTOS, Noelanie SN.	Office Clerk	DCCA Sports & Recreation
TAGUDAR, Edgar A.	ARFF	CPA
TAITINGFONG, Brian K.	ARFF	CPA
UNTALAN, Jaimelina K.	Env. Health Technician	THC BEH
UNTALAN, James K.	Youth Center Aide	Office of the Mayor
UNTALAN, Jobelly P.	Library Aide	Office of the Mayor
UNTALAN, Joebeth P.	Library Aide	Office of the Mayor
UNTALAN, Marcus G., Jr.	Ports Police	CPA
UNTALAN, Moses B.	Law Enforcement Trainee	DOL
UY, Jennifer G.	Administrative Assistant	Office of the Mayor
VILLAGOMEZ, Vicenta	Recreation Technician	Tinian Youth Center

WORLD BRIEFS

Autopsies suggest Air France jet broke up in sky

SAO PAULO (AP)—Autopsies have revealed fractures in the legs, hips and arms of Air France disaster victims, injuries that—along with the large pieces of wreckage pulled from the Atlantic—strongly suggest the plane broke up in the air, experts said Wednesday. With more than 400 bits of debris recovered from the ocean's surface, the top French investigator expressed optimism about discovering what brought down Flight 447, but he also called the conditions—far from land in very deep waters—"one of the worst situations ever known in an accident investigation."

Hamas rejects Carter plea to recognize Israel

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—A senior Hamas official praised former President Jimmy Carter on Wednesday, a day after he met with the group, but said he failed to persuade the Islamic rulers of Gaza to accept international demands, including recognizing Israel. Carter visited Gaza on Tuesday and urged Hamas leaders to accept the demands to end an international boycott, which was imposed when the militant group overran Gaza two years ago. Carter's meeting was itself unusual because of the boycott.

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SAIPAN, TINIAN AND ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS
PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF PAINT SUPPLIES
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-002-09

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the Procurement and Delivery of Paint Supplies to the Saipan, Tinian and Rota International Airports.

The scope of work entails the purchase and delivery of brand new paint supplies to each airport. The detailed scope of work and breakdown of paint purchases will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on Friday, June 12, 2009. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all shipping charges and taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Procurement and Delivery of Paint Supplies to the Saipan, Tinian and Rota International Airports". One original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: June 11, 2009

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CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Attention General Public:

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities is hereby calling for a Special Meeting to take place on June 30, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at DD Council. The meeting is called based upon the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities Bylaws (dated January 31, 2003).

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

II. Quorum

III. Evaluation of Executive Director

IV. Adjournment

In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 3 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda above.

/S/ Marissa Guerrero, Chairperson

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

NJ casino fined in brew-haha over mislabeled beer

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Ever wonder what the difference is between "tastes great" and "less filling?" In one Atlantic City casino, it's $5,000. That's how much the New Jersey Casino Control Commission fined Resorts Atlantic City on Wednesday for having mislabeled beer keg taps at one casino bar on two occasions last year. In March, one tap was labeled "Miller Lite" and another one "Miller Genuine Draft." But both taps were connected to a keg containing the light beer. Regulators say a similar situation in August occurred in which taps labeled "Coors Original" and "Coors Light" were both dispensing the full-calorie, full-carb brew. Resorts declined to comment.

Dog food is juuuust right for Colorado bear

GRANBY, Colo. (AP)—A western Colorado woman said a "very graceful, very calm" bear crawled into her house through a pet door, ate a bowl of dog food, uprooted some herbs in pots and then left after about 10 minutes. Brenda Freeman said the encounter occurred Saturday at her and her husband's home. Freeman said they spotted the bear in their mudroom after their 120-pound dog let out a combination bark and growl. They closed the door from the mudroom to the kitchen, then watched through a window as the bear explored the room and chowed down. Division of Wildlife spokesman Randy Hampton said bears normally eat berries this time of year, but a wet spring has kept bushes flowering longer instead of producing fruit.

Boy, 8, saves sister and drunk adults from fire

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—Police in Poland say an 8-year-old boy saved his sister and three drunk adults from a fire by calling police and fighting the flames before help arrived. The fire started outside the door of the boy's apartment in the western town of Miedzyrzecz late Monday. Police said Tuesday that the boy was unable to wake up his mother or two men—all of whom were intoxicated—so called the emergency number himself. He helped his 5-year-old sister get dressed and repeatedly poured water on the burning door as he waited for help. Police spokesman Artur Chorazy said: "If it wasn't for him, there might have been a tragedy." Police are investigating the cause of the fire. They say they are considering whether to charge the 26-year-old mother with endangering her children.

Wis. man survives 6-story fall from bank building

MILWAUKEE (AP)—A window washer survived a six-story fall from a bank building with one thought in mind—when was his safety rope going to catch? It never did. "I kept falling," 21-year-old Alex Clay said in a phone interview Tuesday night from Luther Hospital in Eau Claire. "It all happened so fast. I kept waiting. When's it going to catch? "There's a little roof over the entryway. I bounced off of that and then hit the pavement." Authorities in Eau Claire, located in west-central Wisconsin about 70 miles east of Minneapolis-St. Paul, said equipment apparently helped break the man's fall from the U.S. Bank building just after 3 p.m. Tuesday. But Clay said it didn't slow him down much. Still, he said doctors determined his main injury was a shattered bone on the arch side of his left foot. He said he also had six staples in his leg because he cut it on something as he fell. "I remember the entire fall all the way down," he said. He said the problem developed when he noticed a clip on his gear for rappelling wasn't fastened. "But I was trying not to panic because I had my safety line connected on the back of my harness," he said.

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NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

ELISA P. AQUININGOC/JESSE P. AQUININGOC (collectively "Trustor"), on or about December 4, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 10, 1998 under Document No. 98-4068 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 008 T 114

Containing an area of 923 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 008 T 01 dated January 7, 1988, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 88-161, dated January 19, 1988, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on July 17, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$40,230.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **July 16, 2009**, at **4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than July 16, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2009.

/S/JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director, NMHC

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GUADALUPE O. BORJA ("Trustor"), on or about October 16, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 16, 1984 under Document No. 84-2185 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 017 D 35, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 017 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as document number 4842, on the 11th day of September, 1975.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

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Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **July 16, 2009**, at **4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than July 16, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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DONALD C. CAMACHO and ROSALINDA ULLOA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about December 20, 2004, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 23, 2004 under Document No. 04-3035 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot 001 C 57, (part of Lot 001 C 26, which was part of Lot 001 C 15, which was part of Lot 001 C 13, which was part of original Lot 001 C 05, TD 697), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 C 11, the original of which was recorded 05 JUN as Document No. 98-1697 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

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Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **July 16, 2009**, at **4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than July 16, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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ESTHER A. CASTRO and WAYNE T. ALDAN (collectively "Trustor"), on or about September 20, 2001, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 2, 2001 under Document No. 01-2164 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 330 R 21 containing an area of 838 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 330 R 02, dated March 13, 1992, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 92-858, dated March 16, 1992, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on July 17, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$31,830.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **July 16, 2009**, at **4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than July 16, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2009.

/S/JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director, NMHC

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NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

DONNA Q. KAPILEO and DONOVAN K. TECHUR (collectively "Trustor"), on or about November 16, 1999, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 23, 1999 under Document No. 99-2778 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 011 G 1091, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 20, the original of which was recorded 09 Dec 93 as Document No. 93-4288 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

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Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **July 16, 2009**, at **4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than July 16, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER POWER OF SALE
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MARIA A. TEREGEYO ("Trustor"), on or about June 6, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 6, 1984 under Document No. 84-881 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 005 I 494, containing an area of 745 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 2084/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document Number 14232 dated May 14, 1982, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

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Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **July 16, 2009**, at **4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than July 16, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Science & Technology

Attempted Iran media clampdown meets Internet age

CAIRO (AP)—Iran clamped down Tuesday on independent media in an attempt to control images of election protests, but pictures and videos leaked out anyway—showing how difficult it is to shut off the flow of information in the Internet age.

The restrictions imposed by the government made such social-networking sites as Twitter and Flickr more prominent—with even the U.S. State Department calling on Twitter to put off a scheduled shutdown for maintenance.

Iranians were posting items online, but it wasn't known how much of that information was being seen by others inside the country. And although some of the posts on Twitter appeared to be from users in Tehran, others clearly were not.

Following a massive opposition rally Monday, authorities restricted journalists—including Iranians working for foreign media—from reporting on the streets. They could effectively only work from their offices, conducting telephone interviews and monitoring official sources such as state TV.

AP

In this June 9, 2009 file picture, a supporter of main challenger and reformist candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi, standing next to a poster of him, whistles as she films the event with her mobile phone, amidst a festive atmosphere at an election rally at the Heidarnia stadium in Tehran, Iran.

Some foreign journalists were forced to leave Iran because the government wouldn't extend the visas they received to cover Friday's election, in which President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was declared the landslide winner.

"Clearly, when our journalists can't go out and see things and talk to people, our ability to tell the story is not as good as when we are able to go out to report and take pictures and video," AP Executive Editor Kathleen Carroll said.

When controls are imposed, "we work with those restrictions, keeping in mind our ultimate goal is to be able to do our jobs as journalists," she said.

The London-based Reuters news agency included an editor's note on its stories out of Iran saying its coverage was subject to a ban on "foreign media leaving the office to report, film, or take pictures in Tehran."

CNN turned in part to the social-networking sites, broadcasting images posted on Facebook and Twitter, and explaining on-air that it was using "creativity" to cover a big event under government restrictions.

"We cannot verify readily some of this material that we're going to show you," correspondent David Mattingly warned viewers. Much of the material on Twitter is posted anonymously.

On Bloomsday, 'Ulysses' meets Twitter

NEW YORK (AP)—Forget about Ashton Kutcher. James Joyce's "Ulysses," one of the most difficult novels in English, is on Twitter.

Two devotees of "Ulysses" have adapted its 10th chapter to Twitter, which limits users to 140 characters per post. Called "Wandering Rocks," the chapter is especially well-suited to Twitter because it follows 19 Dubliners going about their daily business.

For three years now, Ian Bogost, a Georgia Tech professor, and friend Ian McCarthy, a product manager at LinkedIn, have commemorated "Bloomsday" on Twitter on June 16. That date in 1904 is when the entirety of "Ulysses" takes place, chronicling the experiences of a man named Leopold Bloom.

Bogost says using Twitter "for literary performance art might help shift perspectives on the service" and get people to use it for more than self-centered musings. "Perhaps in so doing, we can shift people's interest in social media technologies from egomania and immediacy toward deliberation and cultural reflection," Bogost wrote in an e-mail from Australia.

Death & Funeral Announcement

†Antonio Cabrera Torres
a.k.a Ton Tina

of Texas was born to life on March 21, 1953 and was called to eternal life on June 9, 2009 at the age of 56.

In his new life, he now joins his
Parents: Mariano Camacho Torres & Antonia Cabrera Torres
Bothers: Jose C. Torres, Roman C. Torres and Shelby Ramon C. Torres
Grandparents: Jose & Francisca Campos Camacho Torres, Antonio Cruz & Rosa Tenorio Cabrera
Mother-in-Law: Teresa Bares Sablan
Brothers-in-Law: Candido B. Sablan, Tito C. Santos
Godmother: Maria Crispina Ada DeLeon Guerrero

His memories will live in the hearts of his
Wife: Christina S. Torres

Children: Tania Sablan Torrres-Magofna & Mitch Maratita Magofna (Mitch Teven), Christina Sablan Torres

Brothers/ Sisters & In-Laws: Margarita C. Torres, Joseph C. & Lilibeth Torres & Children, Ricardo C. & Sunisa B. Torres & Children, Oscar C. & Mildred S. Torres & Children, Frances T. & Diego C. Pinaula & Children, Dina C. Torres and Children, Mariano & Angelina Torres & Son, Maureen S. Torres & Son, Kimberly S. Torres, Debralyn S. Torres, Julius L. Echang, +Roman C. Torres (Christopher & Meng, Roman Jr.)

Brothers & Sisters in-Law: Censia S. & Bill Thompson & Children, Rosario S. Santos & Children, Candida S. & Dennis Wall & Children, Marina S. Aguon & Children, Lou S. & George Pangelinan & Children, Christopher S. & Ding Torres & Children, Victorina S. & Phil Paynter & Children, Antonio S. & Terry Sablan & Children, Carmen B. Sablan & Children, Francisca S. Ronchetti & Children, Virginia S. & Rod Derosia & Children, Edward T. Quitugua

Godparents: Miguel Ada, Vicente V. & Primitiva DLG. Torres

Godchildren: Jesse T. Attao, Tina D. Cabrera, Ray DLGuerrero, Jason Ada, Steven G. Cabrera, Charlie S. Ronchetti, Benito S. Aguon, Tricia C. Castro, Cheryl Mad, Velma S. Iginoef

He is additionally survived by numerous uncles, aunties, nieces, nephews & friends.
Daily mass of Intentions is being offered at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00am. On Monday June 22, 2009 responso service will start at 7:30am at Borja Funeral Home followed by the Holy Rosary. Viewing and last respects may be paid from 8:00am to 10:00am. Funeral cortege will proceed to Kristo Rai Church at 10:30am. Mass of Christian burial will be offered at 11:00am. Burial will follow at Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

Please join us in prayers. The family.

TECHNOLOGY TIPS

By ROB PEGORARO
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If your computer suddenly, mysteriously slows down, don't just curse at the stupid machine—find out what program gummed up the works. In Windows, hit the Ctrl, Shift and Esc keys to bring up the Task Manager. In that window, click the "CPU" heading to see which program, as identified by the name of its .exe file, is keeping the processor too busy (note: if "System Idle Process" tops the list, you should be fine). Then click "Mem Usage" or "Memory," depending on whether you use XP or Vista, to see which application is eating the most memory. On a Mac, go to the Utilities folder and select Activity Monitor; click the "CPU" and "Real Memory" (sometimes abbreviated as "RSIZE") headings to see each program's processor and memory use. Once you've identified an offender, you can quit that program, complain to its developers or just swear at it by name.

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The Facebook social-networking site can be a wonderful thing, but there's such a thing as too much of it. That's especially true when it comes to the "news feed"—the stream of updates about your friends' Facebook activity that fills the site's home page—if too many of your pals spend their spare moments playing random games and quizzes. You may not care to find out that your buddy from high school just collected a new Cadillac in Mob Wars, while your co-worker down the hall would be Swiss if she were a kind of cheese.

In that case, park the cursor to the right of a news-feed item, and you should see a little "Hide" menu appear. Click that for options to hide all news generated from that game or quiz. You can also use this menu to hide all of a person's updates from your feed ... though if somebody's that annoying, it's worth considering if you should keep him or her on your friends list at all.

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Most digital cameras are noisy creatures out of the box—they beep when you turn them on, change a setting, focus a picture and take the actual shot. This soundtrack may help you get used to their controls, but it's distracting and rude in a lot of social settings. (Especially weddings.) It's also worse than redundant. Not only does this computerized cacophony fail to tell you anything that you can't learn from the symbols on the camera's screen, it usually provides less information.

The beep that reports that the camera has focused on a subject doesn't indicate what subject it's selected, unlike the green rectangle on its display. On most cameras, you'll find an option to silence its audible alerts only a tap or two away from its Menu button; a new Canon model, for example, has a "Mute" setting as the first item under its system-tools menu.

TECH BYTES

Google cedes to German demand to erase data

BERLIN (AP)—Google Inc. is willing to concede to German demands the company erase photos for its panoramic mapping service after they have been processed, a data protection official said Wednesday. Johannes Caspar, the head of the Hamburg regional office for data protection, said Google had agreed to erase the raw footage of faces, house numbers, license plates and individuals in Germany who have told authorities they do not want their information used in the service. Google confirmed the agreement and added that it would also post a link on the Street View Web site for Germany when it launches where anyone may request to have their data blocked. Google's Street View mapping service offers detailed street-level images.

Survey: Elderly, poor narrow broadband service gap

NEW YORK (AP)—Some groups that have lagged in signing up for high-speed Internet service, like the elderly, the poor and rural residents, have started to gain on those who have had a head start, according to a new survey. Those conclusions come as the government is set to decide how to spend $7.2 billion in stimulus money on expanding the availability of broadband. Broadband usage among those 65 or older grew from 19 percent in May 2008 to 30 percent this April, the Pew Internet & American Life Project said Wednesday. Among households with annual income of less than $20,000, 35 percent subscribed to broadband this year, compared with 25 percent last year. By contrast, broadband penetration for households that earn more than $75,000 per year, already well connected, remained roughly unchanged at 85 percent.

Guessing game: How much money is YouTube losing?

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Internet video leader YouTube Inc.'s losses have been overblown by some analysts, but corporate parent Google Inc. doesn't mind the misperception, according to a study being released Wednesday. Technology consultants at RampRate Inc. project YouTube's operating losses this year at $174.2 million—far below the $470.6 million estimated by Credit Suisse analysts Spencer Wang and Kenneth Sena in an April research report that became a hot topic on Wall Street and the Internet. The dueling forecasts are the latest twist in a guessing game that has intrigued investors since Google bought YouTube for $1.76 billion in late 2006.

Life & Style

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Chace Crawford is People's 'hottest bachelor'

NEW YORK (AP)—Chace Crawford, who plays hunky Nate Archibald on the CW teen drama "Gossip Girl," is People magazine's hottest bachelor of the summer. Crawford is slated to star in a remake of the 1984 film "Footloose," which made Kevin Bacon a heartthrob. The 23-year-old actor says he's "not in any rush" to get into a relationship because he has the rest of his life to share with someone. He says dating country star Carrie Underwood was "a whirlwind"—but has no regrets. Crawford adds: "I learned a ton about dating someone in that kind of spotlight." People's list of sexy single men also includes Zac Efron, Robert Pattinson and Bradley Cooper.

Miley Cyrus surprises Ga. fans with impromptu show

TYBEE ISLAND, Ga. (AP)—Miley Cyrus took a break from shooting "The Last Song" on the Georgia coast by borrowing a guitar and treating fans to an impromptu, two-song performance on the patio of a beachside seafood restaurant. "By the time she finished the first song, there must have been 50 little girls and their moms who came rushing up," said Ray Rogers, owner of StingRay's restaurant on Tybee Island. He caught Miley's surprise gig on video. Rogers said the 16-year-old "Hannah Montana" star dined on snow crab legs with a friend after wrapping up Monday's first day of filming of the Walt Disney Co. movie. Then she got up and asked a local acoustic duo playing music if she could sit in. Miley stepped up to the microphone and strapped on a guitar to sing the Tim McGraw and Faith Hill duet "It's Your Love," then added a new song of her own. "She played those and then we got her out of here," Rogers said.

Baron Cohen's Bruno has military flair at premiere

LONDON (AP)—Sacha Baron Cohen made a grand entrance Wednesday for the British premiere of his new mock documentary "Bruno," turning up in a skimpy variation of the uniforms worn by Buckingham Palace guards. The British comedian came in character as Bruno in a towering bearskin hat, a red military waistcoat and tight black shorts. He was accompanied by a group of similarly attired men whose waistcoats showed off their midriffs. "I just wanted to do something that was flattering for the royal family. Something that the queen—I'm not talking about Elton John—would really appreciate," said Baron Cohen as Bruno, a gay Austrian fashionista. "You know the British royal family and the Austrians have got a lot in common. We're still the only people who are proud to wear a swastika."

California high court won't delay Chris Brown case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The California Supreme Court has refused to intervene or delay Chris Brown's preliminary hearing. Court records show a petition filed by Brown's attorney to delay the crucial hearing was denied on Wednesday. Brown's lawyer, Mark Geragos, had asked the state's high court last week to intervene in the R&B singer's felony assault case. An appeals court had already rejected a similar request. Brown is due back in court on Monday for a preliminary hearing, after which a judge will decide whether there is enough evidence for his case to go to trial. Brown was arrested in February on suspicion that he beat his then-girlfriend, Rihanna. The 21-year-old Barbados-born singer could testify during the hearing.

Jane Fonda undergoes surgery to replace left knee

NEW YORK (AP)—Jane Fonda has undergone surgery to replace her left knee.

The Oscar-winning actress had the operation Tuesday, and blogged about it beforehand. In a wistful post titled "So Long Old Knee" on her Web site, Fonda wrote that her knee joint was to "be sawed out and in its place will go a titanium rod and ceramic joint." According to Fonda, it had been "a strong, faithful knee." She said it helped her "up a lot of steep mountains and across rugged terrain." And she recalled smooches by former husband Roger Vadim (vah-DEEM'), who liked to kiss her knees. The avid blogger took to Twitter as well, writing: "Drugs starting to hit. Wheeee. So long left knee. You're toast!"

Police: Mia Farrow's brother killed himself in Vt.

CASTLETON, Vt. (AP)—Mia Farrow's brother, a sculptor and local fixture in this college town, killed himself at his art gallery, state police and a spokeswoman for the actress said Wednesday. Patrick Farrow, 66, died of a single gunshot wound to the head late Monday night in his studio, a converted church, authorities said. Farrow and his wife, Susan, regularly walked along the main thoroughfare in Castleton, a central Vermont town of about 4,300 not far from the New York border.

Billy Joel and third wife Katie Lee split

NEW YORK (AP)—Billy Joel and wife Katie Lee are confirming a split. In a statement, the pair said that they remain "caring friends with admiration and respect for each other." They got married five years ago at Joel's mansion on New York's Long Island. A representative for Joel did not immediately respond to the question of whether the couple were getting a divorce. This was the Piano Man's third marriage, her first. The 60-year-old Joel is one of pop's most successful singer-songwriters; Katie Lee Joel hosted the first season of Bravo TV's "Top Chef." He recorded the song "All My Life" as an anniversary gift to his 27-year-old wife two years ago.

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PSS IFB 09-025

"Laptops for Grace Christian Academy"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of **Laptops for Grace Christian Academy.** The Scope of Work is available at PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 09-025"** containing one (1) original with Three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **June 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.,** at which time bids will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstance.

Questions shall be in writing addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement & Supply officer or Email to the following address: **florian@saipan.com**

/S/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/S/ Robert Florian
Procurement & Supply Officer

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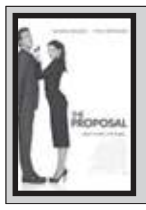
Sun thru Tue	1:10	4:15	7:30	

Jack Black, Michael Cera
Prehistoric Fantasy, Comedy • Rated PG-13

Synopsis
Jack Black and Michael Cera headline Harold Ramis' Stone Age comedy about a pair of lazy hunter-gatherers who embark on a wild journey through the ancient world after being banished from their primitive village. Oliver Platt, David Cross, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, and Vinnie Jones co-star.



The Proposal

Friday	1:15	4:10	7:15	9:40
Saturday	1:15	4:10	7:15	9:40
Sun thru Tue	1:15	4:10	7:15	

Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds
Romantic Comedy • Rated PG-13

Synopsis
Sandra Bullock stars in the romantic comedy The Proposal, as a Canadian immigrant who creates a demanding and difficult work environment for her subordinates at the office. When the news arrives that she's about to be deported to the Great White North, she rushes into a marriage of convenience with her young assistant (played by Ryan Reynolds) to prevent such a catastrophe from occurring. 27 Dresses' Anne Fletcher directs from a script by Peter Chiarelli for Touchstone Pictures.

★ ★ ★

Imagine That

Friday	1:30	4:25	7:20	9:55
Saturday	1:30	4:25	7:20	9:55
Sun thru Tue	1:30	4:25	7:20	

Eddie Murphy, Yara Shahidi
Family-Oriented Comedy • Rated PG

Synopsis
A powerful financial executive whose career was sent spiraling down the drain due to sudden lack of confidence finds the answers to his inexplicable setback in an imaginary world dreamt up by his young daughter in a fantasy comedy starring Eddie Murphy and co-scripted by Ed Solomon and Chris Matheson (the writing duo behind Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure and Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey).

Taking of Pelham 123

Friday	1:20	4:20	7:05	9:50
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:05	9:50
Sun thru Tue	1:20	4:20	7:05	

Denzel Washington, John Travolta
Thriller • Rated R

Up

Friday	1:05	4:05	7:10	9:35
Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:10	9:35
Sun thru Tue	1:05	4:05	7:10	

Ed Asner, Jordan Nagai
Comedy, Adventure, Family • Rated PG

The Hangover

Friday	1:25	4:30	7:25	9:30
Saturday	1:25	4:30	7:25	9:30
Sun thru Tue	1:25	4:30	7:25	

Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms
Comedy • Rated R

Night at the Museum 2

Friday	1:00	4:00	7:00	10:00
Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00	10:00
Sun thru Tue	1:00	4:00	7:00	

Den Stiller, Amy Adams
Comedy, Sequel • Rated PG

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Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos is joined by Cabinet members Tuesday for a picture with Elvy Mae T. Sablan, a U.S. policewoman from Washington state and a native of the CNMI who received an American Police Hall of Fame Award for her work in arresting and deterring car thieves in Lakewood, Washington. Sablan is the daughter of Jose and Magdalena Sablan. She graduated from Marianas High School in 2001 and received her Associates of Science in Law and Justice from Tacoma Community College in 2005. Sablan served as a CNMI probation officer in 2005 and 2006, and is currently serving as a police officer for the Pierce Transit Department of Public Safety in Lakewood, Washington. She is a fingerprint specialist and trains new officers. She is working on her bachelor's degree in criminal justice. "I am very proud to see native CNMI residents do well with professional careers in the United States," said Inos. "I congratulate Elvy for her accomplishment and encourage her to get her degree and gain more experience, and consider returning to the CNMI to serve our community."

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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Happy Father's Day greetings go out to Phillip A. Fejeran, Jr. (standing left), Patrick Reyes (standing right), and Felipe Ty. Fejeran (seated front)—the world's greatest Dads!

PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION

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The Saipan Swim Club headed by Sam Martinson presents plaque of appreciation to Jae Hwan Kim, the new general manager of Saipan World Resort. The plaque was presented in recognition of the hotel's untiring support to the Club. In photo, from left, are Elena Alexandroda, Sam Martinson, Jae Hwan Kim, and Ed Johnson, SWR's Sports & Recreation manager.

Above, Happy Father's Day to Grandpa Eddie Concepcion! Greetings come from your wife, children, and your Boise and Saipan families.

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BIRD ISLAND TOUR

Left, a total of 22 sixth graders from Melody Matson's class at Chacha Oceanview Junior High School pose for a group photo during a trip to Bird Island on the last day of classes. The students also removed 60 lbs of marine debris.

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Family objects to woman's plunge into Internet romance

BY ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I met "Paul" through an ad I placed on an Internet dating service. We have been out in person and have also been cyber-dating for nearly a year. Paul used to live close by, but he got an offer on his place, so he sold it and moved to his second home in another state. He invited me to come along, but because I had college-aged children still residing with me, I didn't move.

My kids have now moved into places of their own, and Paul has asked that we buy our own house in the state where my kids live. I agreed. The problem is my extended family. Except for my sister, everyone thinks I'm being taken advantage of. Paul has more money than I will ever have in my life. I trust and love him. My children approve of our relationship.

Does it matter that most of our relationship thus far has been spent on the Internet? We talk on the phone, chat online and probably spend more time together than couples living together do. How do I politely tell my family to back off? If I get hurt, I get hurt—but it's a chance I'm willing to take.

HAPPY AND HOPING IN MICHIGAN

DEAR HAPPY AND HOPING: I have a suggestion. While in some areas the real estate market is beginning to recover, it should become even better as the economy improves—so why don't you and Paul rent out your houses for now, and rent an apartment for a year in the area in which you are considering buying? That way, you won't be rushing into a purchase in an area you're not familiar with, and you and Paul can decide if you're as compatible in person as you are on the phone and Internet. Please understand I am not implying that there is anything wrong with Paul, only that you should not rush into making a hefty financial investment while in the heat of passion.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband was laid off in 2008 and has searched everywhere, even out of state, for a job and found nothing. I feel bad for him because he is home 24/7. I try to get him out of the house to no avail, and when I ask him to tell me how he really feels, he says he's fine and that he will be OK.

I want him to express the way he feels because he is keeping all of his pain and stress to himself. How can I help him?

WORRIED WIFE IN ENGLEWOOD, N.J.

DEAR WORRIED WIFE: Men and women do not always express their innermost feelings in the same way, so please stop trying to pry the pain and stress out of your husband or you may add to it.

What concerns me more than your husband's unwillingness to "dump" is the fact that he is staying in the house 24/7. Cocooning is no way to find another job. However, volunteering some of the time he has on his hands could be. And that's what you should insist he do.

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DEAR ABBY: I have cancer and my family and friends are hosting a fund-raiser with dinner and a silent auction. My question is, what do I do with the things that are not purchased? Should I return them to the donors or what? Thank you.

J.C. IN ILLINOIS

DEAR J.C.: Offer to return the items to the donors, and if they refuse, donate them to the American Cancer Society at one of its thrift stores.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

ALL I WANT IS ONE LITTLE WELCOME
WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN YOUR PARENTS SEE THIS?
BY THEN I HOPE TO BE HALFWAY TO THE NEXT GALAXY.
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Garfield®

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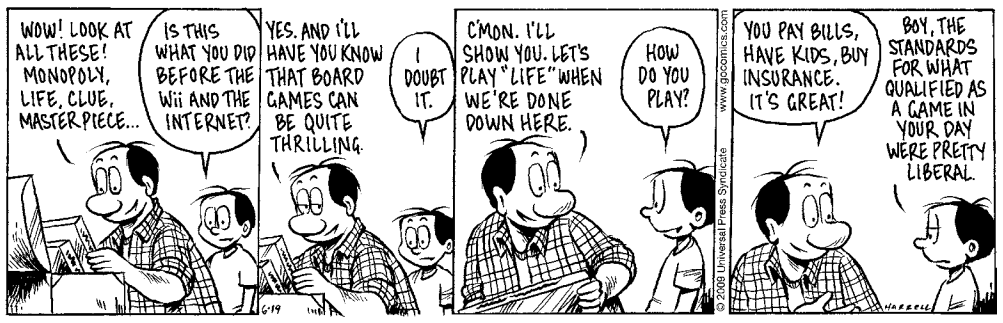
WOW! LOOK AT ALL THESE! MONOPOLY, LIFE, CLUE, MASTERPIECE...
IS THIS WHAT YOU DID BEFORE THE Wii AND THE INTERNET?
YES. AND I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT BOARD GAMES CAN BE QUITE THRILLING.
I DOUBT IT.
C'MON. I'LL SHOW YOU. LET'S PLAY "LIFE" WHEN WE'RE DONE DOWN HERE.
HOW DO YOU PLAY?
YOU PAY BILLS, HAVE KIDS, BUY INSURANCE. IT'S GREAT!
BOY, THE STANDARDS FOR WHAT QUALIFIED AS A GAME IN YOUR DAY WERE PRETTY LIBERAL.
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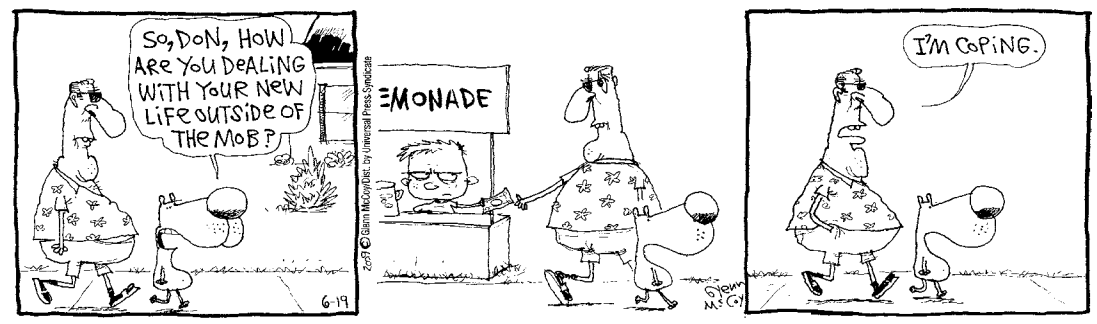
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


So, DON, HOW ARE YOU DEALING WITH YOUR NEW LIFE OUTSIDE OF THE MOB?
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I'M COPING.
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 "Fidelio" or "Faust"
6 Wilde-beest
9 Summer-time elec. users
12 Kitchen gizmo
13 Disen-cumber
14 Deterio-rate
15 Prove false
16 Frugality
18 There from birth
20 Portent
21 Deadly snake
23 Life time?
24 Cognizant
25 Jeopar-dize
27 Andean beast
29 Story of Sandy and Danny
31 Mystery writer Dorothy
35 Starsky's partner
37 Ella's style
38 Started
41 Cock and bull?
43 Bond, e.g.
44 Arab League member
45 Easter chapeau
47 Country named for an imaginary line
49 Deliver a speech
52 — U.S. Pat. Off.
53 Affirma-tive action?
54 Start
55 Witness
56 Tummy muscles
57 USA Network whodunit series

DOWN
1 Scepter topper
2 Chart format
3 Blackout of a sort
4 Keep in check
5 Gladia-tors' venue
6 Fairy tale sister
7 Pleasant
8 Japanese vegetable
9 Scent
10 Star-in-the-making
11 "Gypsy" composer Jule
17 "Fuhged-daboudit!"
19 Shoelace tip
21 S.A. nation
22 Round Table address
24 "I — Camera"
26 Big — (hot shot)
28 Wan
30 Heat source
32 Rapture
33 Knock
34 Pigs' digs
36 Triads, e.g.
38 1899 fighters
39 Host
40 Measure
42 Be nosy
45 Nitwit
46 Sea flock
48 Genetic stuff
50 Sleuth (Sl.)
51 Ordinal suffix

Solution time: 25 mins.

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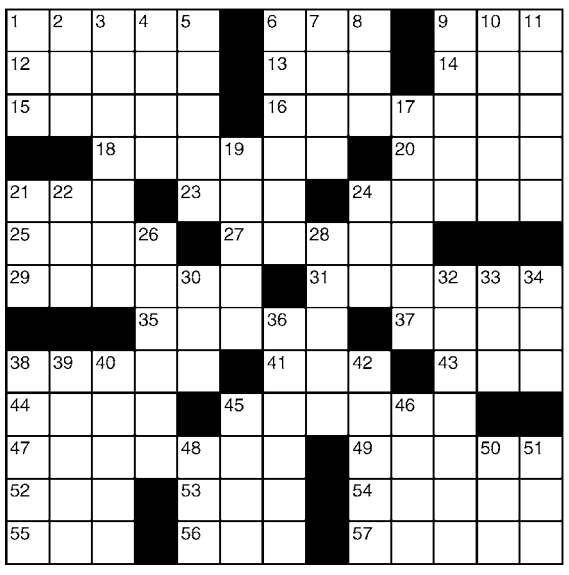
Yesterday's answer 6-19



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Zoe Saldana, 31; Brian "Head" Welch, 39; Paula Abdul, 47; Kathleen Turner, 55

Happy Birthday: Partnerships, building a strong base of friends and taking care of family matters will all contribute to where you end up down the road. Strive for stability but know that you cannot achieve anything without acceptance and change. Incorporate strong beliefs into your plans, address openly what needs to be done and you will have no regrets. Your numbers are 5, 11, 13, 26, 37, 41, 43

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*: A pleasure trip will be rejuvenating. Visit friends or indulge in something unique that will enhance a relationship or make you feel good about who you are and what you've accomplished. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*: You'll be emotional, so put it to good use and speak your mind. You'll be amazed at what you can accomplish by being completely honest. You may lose a friend or two but, in the end, you are probably better off. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*: There will be too much hidden or going on behind your back to make a fair assessment of the situation you face. A surprise may be in the works. What you do for others will bring rewards. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*: You can learn something new from someone who has different life experiences. Trust in love and the person you respect most and you will discover where you should be heading and what to do when you get there. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*: You'll be thrown for a loop if you let someone take advantage of your good nature or you fall for someone's compliments when all that's wanted is to ride on your coattails. There will be a costly lesson to be learned if you buy into what you are told without doing your own research. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*: You have to express your needs, desires and love if you want to get the same in return. Holding back, waiting for things to come to you is a waste of valuable time. Avoid uncertainty. Travel will pay off. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*: You have plenty going for you but you shouldn't break your budget trying to fill your needs. Put your ideas into play and drum up interest so that you can get contributions from people who don't have your talent but do believe in your ability. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*: You'll have to be the disciplined and responsible person. You can expect to have some emotional blowouts. Speak your mind even if it means offending someone. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*: You'll face some opposition that could lead to a falling out with someone you have been partnered with at work or school. Sudden change in your status, situation or home can be expected to leave you working overtime. ✪✪✪

EUGENIA LAST

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*: Do something special or make some alterations at home that will please everyone. A family outing or a trip for you and your lover will stabilize your relationship. Good fortune is heading your way. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*: There is too much at stake to allow someone else to call the shots regarding your life. Think matters through carefully, especially if they will affect your educational or geographical future. Someone you respect will stand by you. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*: There will be another chance to delve into an unusual art form or career, allowing you to enrich your life and help people you love. Greater knowledge and respect for those who have unusual gifts will be the key. 4 stars

Birthday Baby: You are strong, compassionate and determined. You have strong family values and an inquisitive mind. You are a helper and a humanitarian.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

				7				1
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7				5				

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 6/19

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Thursday's SUDOKU Answer

5	2	8	6	7	1	3	4	9
7	3	9	5	4	8	6	2	1
6	4	1	2	9	3	7	8	5
9	1	5	4	8	7	2	3	6
3	8	2	9	5	6	1	7	4
4	6	7	1	3	2	5	9	8
8	5	3	7	6	4	9	1	2
2	7	6	8	1	9	4	5	3
1	9	4	3	2	5	8	6	7

Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/18

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

TIMBUKTU **Solution: 8 letters**

S	H	A	B	E	N	I	E	D	N	A	M	Y	S	U
S	R	R	O	E	X	P	L	O	R	A	T	I	O	N
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B	O	M	T	S	R	A	Y	A	O	S	E	S	N	D
Y	R	A	N	N	E	D	H	B	E	R	A	Q	U	S
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R	D	U	H	V	A	O	M	P	K	N	K	E	I	S
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G	E	U	R	R	I	E	R	L	(T)	A	T	N	S	A
N	N	S	E	A	R	E	U	A	E	(O)	G	U	K	H
I	N	S	M	C	E	F	L	L	R	H	(W)	A	O	A
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• 3-Liner with picture	$45
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Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

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Contact: Patricia at 287-7365

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Over the limit. Under arrest.

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Only $25 Minor Problem
WE ALSO FIX LAPTOP & USED PARTS
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SERIOUS INQUIRY ONLY

GARAGE SALE
We are having a garage sale at the Jepen Lee Store in Kagman II starting Friday, June 19th to Friday, June 26th. The store number is...256-1372

Dandan Tire Shop
USED TIRE
JOETEN DANDAN
235-7835

WHATZIT Solution:
Not in my backyard

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW09-IFB-019

PUERTO RICO DUMP FINAL CLOSURE SAIPAN, MP

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Division of Solid Waste Management, are soliciting sealed Bids for construction, of the Puerto Rico Dump closure system, on the island of Saipan.

The project package will be available on or after May 27, 2009, at Pacific Quick Print & Post, Chalan Pale Arnold, SAipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, amount to be determined, is required for each set. All interested bidders are also required to include an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid package. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7 "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118 **is not available** to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and serivices on this project shall be paid the current minimum wage as required by CNMI and Federal Law.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on June 5, 2009, 10:0 a.m. local time at the Solid Waste Management Division's Lower Base Transfer Station, Lower Base.. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site and condition of the project. All questions regarding the project must be submitted in writing no later than June 10, 2009 to **Mr. Blas T. Mafnas,** Acting Director, Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station, or fax to (670) 322-2762.

Sealed bids shall be marked with the name of the submitter and the title "**Puerto Rico Dump Final Closure, DPW-09-IFB-019"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and six (6) copies of Bids must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, June 22, 2009 to the Director of Procurement and Supply, P.O. Box 10008, Cnmi, Saipan, MP 96950. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than June 22, 2009 and must be transmitted via Facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or va e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and six (6) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 22, 2009, and must be received no later than July 1, 2009. Failure to submit the required number of sets may be gount for rejection.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, July 2, 2009, However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on June 22, 2009.

A bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Clerk or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". For Bid Bonds, surety companies must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of the Treasury as an acceptable surety to the Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment Bonds must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of the Treasury as an acceptable surety and must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI.

Performance time for completion of the project is three hundred sixty five **(365)** working days upon issuance of official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will assessed as provided for in the Bid Specification Package.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (DOI/OIA). Contract award is contingent upon funding approval of DOI/OIA.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

DIEGO B. SONGSONG
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement and Supply

SAIPAN COMMUTER TERMINAL
PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM INSTALLATION
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-009-09
DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES

1st AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the Design and Installation of a Public Address System at the Saipan Commuter Terminal at the airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Design and installation timeframe;
- Project Approach;
- Design-Build Construction Team;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License;
- Related past project performance;
- List of completed similar projects;
- List of experienced personnel and résumé's; and
- Proof of insurance requirements as provided in Proposal Package.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Saipan Commuter Terminal Public Address System Installation– Design/Build Services". The proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

An on-site pre-proposal meeting will be conducted and interested proposers are required to attend. No proposals from non-attendees will be accepted. The on-site pre-proposal meeting will be held on ~~June 9, 2009 at 10:00 am~~ at the Saipan Commuter Terminal Building, Saipan Airport.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Proposers shall also submit a statement of qualifications which should include résumés and experience of personnel that will be directly in charge of the project. Note that either party of the design consultant/contractor team that submits a proposal cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different design/build teams.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax as well as associated costs for airport security badges.

The Project is being financed by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

The contract period for design and replacement will be based on the contractor's proposal. However, liquidated damages of $500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: June 10, 2009

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai
Saipan, MP 96950

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW09-RFP-025

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN OF ROUTE 36
(Windward/Chalan Kalabera), Federal Aid Project No.CM-NH-0036 (003)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Preliminary Engineering Design of Route 36 (Windward/Chalan Kalabera) on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available because its use is prohibited by Federal Law granting the funding for this project. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-305** of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing. Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

The Scope of Work is available on or after June 5, 2009 at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of Fifty Dollars **($50.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building on June 24, 2009. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Joseph M. Inos., Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time July 6, 2009.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff – 20%
2. Experience of the firm(s) on similar type projects – 20%
3. Project Approach – 25%
4. Schedule of Completion – 35%

Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW09-RFP-025"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, July 9, 2009 to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, July 9, 2009, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@vzpacfica.net. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 9, 2009 AND must be received no later than July 20, 2009. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

These projects are funded in part through a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

DIEGO B. SONGSONG
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW09-IFB-028

SUGAR DOCK DREDGING AND INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGES AT SUGAR DOCK, FISHING BASE, DFW AND TANAPAG LAUNCHING RAMPS

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Sugar Dock Dredging and Installation of Signages at Sugar Dock, Fishing Base, DFW and Tanapag Launching Ramps, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands **(CNMI)**.

The project package will be available on or after June 19, 2009 at DPW Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor-Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars **(US$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Bidding procuredures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is available to US Citizens or Permamnent Residents as per Public Law 15-95 and as further **Amended by Public Law 15-118** and must be submitted with the BID or PROPOSAL if perference is claimed.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on July 7, 2009, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Division of Fish & Wildlife Conference Room. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on July 10, 2009 to **Mr. Joseph M. Inos, Jr., Director** of Technical Services Division, DPW 2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW09-IFB-028"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time July 14, 2009. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time July 14, 2009, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 14, 2009, and must be received no later than July 23, 2009. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, July 28, 2009, However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on July 17, 2009.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660".

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is Thirty **(30)** calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at one hundred dollars **(US$100.00)** per working day for delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

DIEGO B. SONGSONG
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

Dr. IGNACIO T. DELA CRUZ, DVM
Secretary, Department of Lands and Natural Resources

Fans flood Lakers party drenched in purple, gold

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The streets of downtown were transformed into a sea of purple and gold on Wednesday as tens of thousands of joyous Los Angeles Lakers fans joined their team in a raucous but mostly peaceful celebration of its 15th NBA championship.

Taking a time-out from work or unemployment, 95,000 people filled the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum to give a hero's welcome to players and coaches, who were showered with purple and gold confetti as the Randy Newman song "I Love L.A." blared from loudspeakers.

Tens of thousands more fans lined a 2 1/2-mile parade route, standing 20 or more deep beneath bright sunshine to cheer as double-decker buses carried the team to the stadium.

"Thank you for all the support, baby. We love you. Let's go, Lakers," veteran guard Derek Fisher, one of the heroes of the NBA Finals, shouted to fans along the route.

Reserve Sasha Vujacic happily snapped photos and star forward Lamar Odom tweeted, "Wow! This is crazy!"

At the stadium, the Laker Girls danced on a hardwood floor that was moved to the Coliseum from Staples Center, the team's home court.

"We are humbled by your devotion and appreciation to us," said coach Phil Jackson, who thanked his girlfriend, Jeannie Buss, the daughter of team owner Jerry Buss, for talking him into returning as coach after he left the team for a year after the 2004 season.

Parades and rallies celebrating Lakers championships have been a tradition in Los Angeles since the teams led by Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar began winning titles with regularity in the 1980s.

But none were as big, loud or celebratory as this one, which came after down years endured since the team's last championship in 2002.

"This is more special because we went through so many dark years," said Bryant, who played on Jackson-coached, title-winning teams in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

With Johnson, Abdul-Jabbar and other stars past and present looking on, Bryant led the crowd at the stadium in a chant that he said the players shouted before, during and after every game this year as they fought for the title.

"I want everybody to say 'ring' on three," Bryant said. "One, two, three ... " The crowd responded.

Then he and his high-fiving, body-bumping teammates embraced in a brief circle dance.

"It's a great thing to be a part of," said Letitcia Gutierrez, who watched the parade while squeezed against a chain-link fence separating fans from the buses carrying the players.

"We got passion and motivation. We're rowdy," she said.

Some in the crowd got a little too rowdy, including a group that was shut out of the celebration when the Coliseum filled to capacity. Dozens of people who tried to enter by climbing over a ticket booth were turned back by police on horseback and in riot gear. Some officers fired beanbags into the crowd.

In all, 15 people were arrested, police said. Several cases of heat exhaustion were the only injuries reported.

Police Chief William J. Bratton said at least 1,700 officers, some in plainclothes, kept watch on the crowd.

Fan Michael Sims arrived before dawn with his brother, sister, niece and nephews to ensure they would get seats inside the Coliseum.

"Who would miss this? This is magical," said the 45-year-old Sims, who has been cheering the Lakers since the days of Johnson and Abdul-Jabbar.

In the days before the event, much was made of its estimated $2 million cost, with critics complaining that a city a half-billion dollars in debt and facing layoffs could not afford the celebration.

But private donors joined the team and the owners of Staples Center to underwrite most of the cost. It was the first of the four Laker victory parades this decade to be privately funded.

AP

Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant waves, while holding his daughter Gianna Maria-Onore, as his wife Vanessa, second from right, and their daughter Natalia Diamante, right, look on as the Lakers NBA basketball world championship parade gets underway in Los Angeles, Wednesday, June 17, 2009.

McHale out as Timberwolves coach

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—During 15 years in charge of the Minnesota Timberwolves, Kevin McHale forged two distinct reputations.

There was McHale the gifted teacher, beloved by players and staff for his relentlessly positive demeanor and an unending eagerness to share his wealth of basketball knowledge. Then there was McHale the mistake-prone executive, vilified by fans for a series of blunders and the failure to make his team into a consistent championship contender.

New president of basketball operations David Kahn dumped McHale as coach on Wednesday, praising him as a "great man" who deserves respect. But offered no specific reasons during a press conference for his decision, saying instead that "this is going to be a transition period. And with the changes that have occurred, and with the changes that are still going to come, it would have been difficult to put him in the middle of that again."

McHale, a northern Minnesota native and Hall of Fame player who won three NBA titles with the Boston Celtics in the 1980s, met several times with Kahn before the decision was reached.

"I was willing to come back, but they never offered me a contract," McHale told the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. "They told me last night they were going in a different direction. I said, 'I think you're making a mistake, but that's up to you guys.'"

Players lamented the loss of the teacher.

"I was more shocked, disappointed, hurt," said forward Al Jefferson, one of many players who urged Kahn to bring McHale back next season. "But at the same time I understand that this is a business."

Timberwolves forward Mark Madsen said McHale will be sorely missed.

"Kevin McHale is a great coach," Madsen said in a phone interview from Salt Lake City. "I'm a little bit surprised by this news and I was hoping to play for him next season and I guess that's not going to happen now."

Though he helped turn one of the most hapless franchises in professional sports into a playoff team by boldly drafting Kevin Garnett out of high school with the fifth pick in 1995, McHale received massive criticism from fans the last few years for a series of draft-day failures and other roster moves that never worked out.

After a stirring run to the Western Conference finals in 2004, the Wolves have not made the playoffs since.

McHale showed more proficiency as a coach and adored this young team that he helped assemble after trading Garnett to Boston in 2007. Timberwolves forward Kevin Love actually leaked word of McHale's departure early Wednesday with a Twitter posting that read in part: "Today is a sad day."

"I don't want Kevin (Love) to feel badly about that," said Kahn, who added that they won't start the coaching search until after the June 25 draft. "We live in a very different world than all of us grew up in. I don't think it's a big deal."

McHale had been the primary decision-maker on personnel matters since he was named vice president of basketball operations in 1995, forging a tight bond with owner Glen Taylor in the process.

"I know that David made a careful analysis and this decision was made with the best interests of the Minnesota Timberwolves in mind," Taylor said in a statement issued by the team. "I will be forever grateful for the work Kevin did in returning to his home state and assembling a team that made eight straight playoff appearances. Kevin brought an enormous amount of basketball talent and passion to our organization and I wish him nothing but the best."

Even while in the front office, McHale loved to work with players—often staying late after practice to help post players from Garnett to Jefferson hone their inside games. He still enjoyed that aspect last season, though losing wore on him and he wasn't fond of the rigors of travel.

Though Jefferson lobbied heavily to keep McHale, he said he supported Kahn's decision "100 percent."

"We have to put Mac out of our heads right now," Jefferson said. "I talked to some of the guys today. In a way, we're glad it's over with."

In 2005, McHale took over as coach after firing his old friend Flip Saunders and went 19-12 the rest of the season.

Taylor moved McHale down from the front office again in December to take over for fired coach Randy Wittman, and hired Kahn last month to take McHale's former position as basketball boss.

Minnesota's record under McHale after he replaced Wittman was 20-43, but for much of that stretch the Wolves were playing short-handed after Jefferson tore the ACL in his right knee. Defensive standout Corey Brewer also suffered a season-ending knee injury and guard Randy Foye missed 12 of the last 22 games to ankle and hip problems.

Several players remarked about the positive vibe McHale brought to the bench and expressed appreciation of his simpler strategy.

"I believe to my core that Kevin McHale has some enormous gifts and is a good human being who cares deeply about his players," Kahn said. "But I can also believe, at this present time, it was time to make a change."

McHale was haunted by several bad contracts given to the likes of Marko Jaric, Troy Hudson and Mike James; draft-day blunders like Ndudi Ebi, Rashad McCants and the trade of Brandon Roy for Randy Foye; and an illegal under-the-table deal with Joe Smith that ultimately cost the team three first-round draft picks.

Those missteps aside, Madsen said he thinks people should remember that McHale built a perennial lottery team into a group that once lost to the Lakers in the Western Conference finals.

"I think Kevin McHale's legacy speaks for itself," Madsen said. "Sure, the last couple years haven't been quite as good as any of us would have wanted. But let's not forget that it was Kevin McHale and Flip Saunders that took this organization to new heights in 2004 that was probably an injury away from a championship."

Ryan Leaf arrested at US-Canada border

DALLAS (AP)—Former NFL quarterback Ryan Leaf posted a $45,000 bond Wednesday in Washington state for drug and burglary charges out of Texas after being arrested by customs agents as he returned to the United States from Canada.

James Farren, the district attorney in Randall County in West Texas, said Leaf was arrested Wednesday by federal customs agents. Legal assistant Jennifer Bonstein said Leaf declined to waive extradition during a hearing Wednesday afternoon in Bellingham, Wash., about 90 miles north of Seattle.

Wendy Jones, chief corrections deputy for the Whatcom County Jail, confirmed that Leaf posted bond Wednesday evening.

Leaf's attorney in Washington told the court Leaf would post the bond and return to Texas by himself. Leaf also was to come back to court in Whatcom County on July 16, Bonstein said.

Bill Kelly, Leaf's attorney in Texas, said his client was returning to Texas to turn himself in by a Thursday deadline.

"I assume when he was crossing the border, they picked him up," Kelly said.

The ex-Washington State University and San Diego Chargers quarterback is charged with burglary to a habitation, a second-degree felony. Leaf also was indicted on seven counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and one count of delivery of a simulated controlled substance.

Leaf coached quarterbacks at West Texas A&M in Canyon, where the indictment was returned in May.

Leaf, who resigned from West Texas A&M after being investigated for drug crimes in November, was working in British Columbia, his attorney said. Kelly, a former head football coach at the college, said Leaf "has been to rehab and successfully completed it."

Leaf, who coached for three seasons at West Texas A&M, spent four seasons in the NFL after being chosen with the No. 2 pick in the 1998 draft by the Chargers.

In his NFL career, which included stints with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Dallas Cowboys, Leaf had 14 touchdowns and 36 interceptions. He was better known for outbursts directed at teammates, coaches, fans and reporters.

Wilf: Favre's future is up to him

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Minnesota Vikings owner Zygi Wilf told season ticket holders on Wednesday night that Brett Favre's future is entirely up to the former MVP.

Two days after Favre said in an interview with HBO that he is considering a return if his surgically repaired right arm will allow it, Wilf said it is clear to him that Favre still has a passion for the game.

He told a gathering of season ticket holders that "right now, it's all up to Brett Favre in terms of where his future is at. I'll just leave it at that."

About 1,200 fans in attendance hollered boisterously at the mention of Favre's name.

In the HBO interview on Monday, Favre said the Vikings are the only team he has spoken to about a possible comeback.

White Sox beat Cubs 4-1 at Wrigley Field

CHICAGO (AP)— John Danks pitched seven shutout innings and Alexei Ramirez homered in the first as the White Sox beat the Cubs 4-1 in Chicago's interleague derby on Wednesday.

The White Sox, backed by a large and vocal following at Wrigley Field, lead their series that began in 1997, 34-33.

Danks (5-5) allowed five hits, walked none and struck out nine, while being charged with one run.

Rangers 5, Astros 4, 10 innings

At Arlington, Texas, David Murphy hit an RBI single in the 10th as Texas beat Houston, taking advantage of two throwing errors by Ivan Rodriguez on the day he set the major league record for games caught.

Rodriguez, who began his career at age 19 in 1991 and played 12 seasons in Texas, caught his 2,227th game to break Carlton Fisk's record.

Rodriguez received numerous ovations from the Rangers crowd. It was his first two-error game since Aug. 26, 2004, and sixth overall in his career. Both miscues led to runs Omar Vizquel tied Luis Aparicio for most hits by a player from Venezuela with No. 2,677.

Angels 4, Giants 3

At San Francisco, pinch-hitters Torii Hunter and Vladimir Guerrero opened Los Angeles' three-run rally with consecutive singles in the eighth inning to beat San Francisco for its season-high sixth straight victory.

Chone Figgins drove home Hunter and later scored the go-ahead run on Juan Rivera's groundout for the Angels, who snapped Tim Lincecum's six-game winning streak with an impressive late surge that included four consecutive hits off the pitcher of the year.

Lincecum (6-2) struck out nine but lost for the first time since April 12, a span of 11 starts. Travis Ishikawa homered for the Giants, who had won nine of 12 before Los Angeles' three-game sweep.

Nationals 3, Yankees 2

At New York, local product John Lannan pitched into the ninth inning in his first career start at Yankee Stadium, leading Washington to a much-needed victory.

Lannan (4-5) allowed two runs and four hits in 8 1-3 innings. Adam Dunn homered and Nick Johnson hit a two-run triple for the Nationals, who had lost 16 of 19. Washington improved to 7-24 on the road.

Blue Jays 7, Phillies 1

At Philadelphia, Scott Richmond struck out a career-high 11 in eight innings, Aaron Hill hit a two-run homer and Toronto beat Philadelphia.

Richmond (5-3) allowed five hits and retired his last 13 batters. The 29-year-old rookie was 0-3 with a 5.81 ERA in his previous five starts.

Rod Barajas and Scott Rolen hit solo shots against their former team, beating up Phillies starter Jamie Moyer (4-6), who gave up six runs and 10 hits in six-plus innings.

Orioles 6, Mets 4

At Baltimore, rookie catcher Matt Wieters hit his first major league home run, Aubrey Huff had a tiebreaking shot in the seventh and Baltimore withstood Gary Sheffield's 507th career homer in a victory over New York.

Nick Markakis matched a career high with four hits and scored twice for the Orioles.

With one out in the seventh, Markakis singled off Pedro Feliciano (2-2) and Huff hit a 2-2 pitch over the right-field wall, his first homer in 17 games since May 26.

Red Sox 6, Marlins 1

At Boston, Dustin Pedroia had three hits and three RBIs, and Boston celebrated its 500th consecutive sellout with a victory over Florida.

Brad Penny (6-2) labored through five innings to earn his 100th career victory, and David Ortiz continued his revival with three runs and a double that raised his batting average to .213. Jacoby Ellsbury also reached base three times, including a homer, and stole a base for the fourth straight game.

Reds 4, Braves 3

At Cincinnati, Micah Owings hit a three-run homer and pitched six effective innings to overcome Javier Vazquez's complete game and lead Cincinnati over Atlanta.

Brewers 9, Indians 8, 11 innings

At Cleveland, slumping J.J. Hardy homered early and drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly in the 11th inning as Milwaukee completed a three-game sweep of Cleveland.

Brewers closer Trevor Hoffman blew an 8-4 lead in the ninth, but the NL Central leaders earned their eighth straight interleague win over Cleveland.

Diamondbacks 12, Royals 5

At Kansas City, Missouri, Max Scherzer outpitched Zack Greinke, and Mark Reynolds homered off the Kansas City pitcher to help Arizona beat the Royals.

Scherzer (4-4) held the Royals to two runs in six innings, winning for the fourth time in five decisions.

Stephen Drew hit a three-run triple in the Diamondbacks' five-run eighth and Chris Young scored four times, matching his career high.

Pirates 8, Twins 2

At Minneapolis, Andrew McCutchen hit his first major league homer and Ian Snell won for the first time in two months to lead Pittsburgh past Minnesota.

McCutchen and Andy LaRoche each hit a two-run shot off Francisco Liriano (2-8), who lasted seven innings. Adam LaRoche also homered for Pittsburgh.

Cardinals 4, Tigers 3

At St. Louis, rookie Colby Rasmus had three hits and two RBIs as St. Louis edged Detroit.

Yadier Molina homered during a three-hit game and Todd Wellemeyer (6-6) won for the third time in eight decisions at home. Cardinals relievers allowed a run and three hits in 3 2-3 innings, with Ryan Franklin working the ninth for his 16th save in 17 chances.

Rockies 5, Rays 3

At Denver, Troy Tulowitzki hit a three-run homer and Aaron Cook tossed seven solid innings as Colorado snapped Tampa Bay's six-game winning streak.

The Rockies, who saw their 11-game run come to a halt Tuesday with a 12-4 loss to the Rays, have won 14 of 19 since Jim Tracy took over as manager. Chris Iannetta also went deep for Colorado.

Mariners 4, Padres 3

At San Diego, Jose Lopez hit a two-run homer and the decisive run scored on an error as Seattle beat San Diego to extend the Padres' major league-record interleague losing streak to 13.

Athletics 5, Dodgers 4

At Los Angeles, Rajai Davis and Jack Cust homered in the third inning and rookie Trevor Cahill overcame an early bout of wildness as Oakland held off Los Angeles to snap a four-game skid.

Reds 4, Braves 3

At Cincinnati, Micah Owings hit a three-run homer and pitched six effective innings to overcome Javier Vazquez's complete game and lead Cincinnati over Atlanta.

Jay Bruce also homered to help Owings (4-7) earn his first win since May 12 and improve to 4-0 in four career starts against Atlanta. He was 0-4 in six starts since a 3-1 win at Arizona.

The Reds squeezed out the win despite no production from the first five batters in the lineup, who went a combined 0 for 17. Francisco Cordero got his 16th save in 17 opportunities.

UBA playoff youth caging sked out

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The playoff round in the 2009 UBA Summer Youth Basketball League will start tonight at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Kicking off the hostilities in the playoffs are the Sonics and Sixers in Division I (15-and-under player). The Sonics topped the regular season with a 4-0 record, while the Sixers finished fourth with their 1-3 slates.

The semifinal game between the Sonics and the Sixers will be played at 6pm.

The Sonics swept the regular season after routing Rollers B last Monday, 105-30.

Rollers B are eliminated, as they were winless in four games.

In the second game tonight, the Sonics' Division II team will take on the Sixers at 7:30pm.

The Sonics also finished on top of Division II (17-and-under). They won their last game over the Kagman Ayuyus, 67-61, to complete the regular season with a 3-1 slate.

Actually, the Sonics and the Ayuyus are tied with identical 3-1 records, but due to the winner-over-the-other rule, the former gained the top seeding in the playoffs. The Sonics' absorbed their lone loss in the league against the Sixers, 82-85.

The Sixers made it into the playoffs after gaining a 2-2 slate. The Sixers' other victory came from the Lil' Saints, 50-48.

Rollers also had a 2-2 record, but took the No. 3 spot after beating the Sixers in their lone meeting in the regular season, 83-79. Rollers are paired against the Kagman Ayuyus and they will collide for the last finals seat in Division II on Monday at 6pm.

Unified Basketball Association, Inc. will also hold semifinal games tomorrow with Rollers A and the Junior Sonics disputing the second finals berth in Division I.

Rollers A is seeded second in the playoffs after recording a 3-1 slate in the regular season. The Junior Sonics finished third with their 2-2 mark.

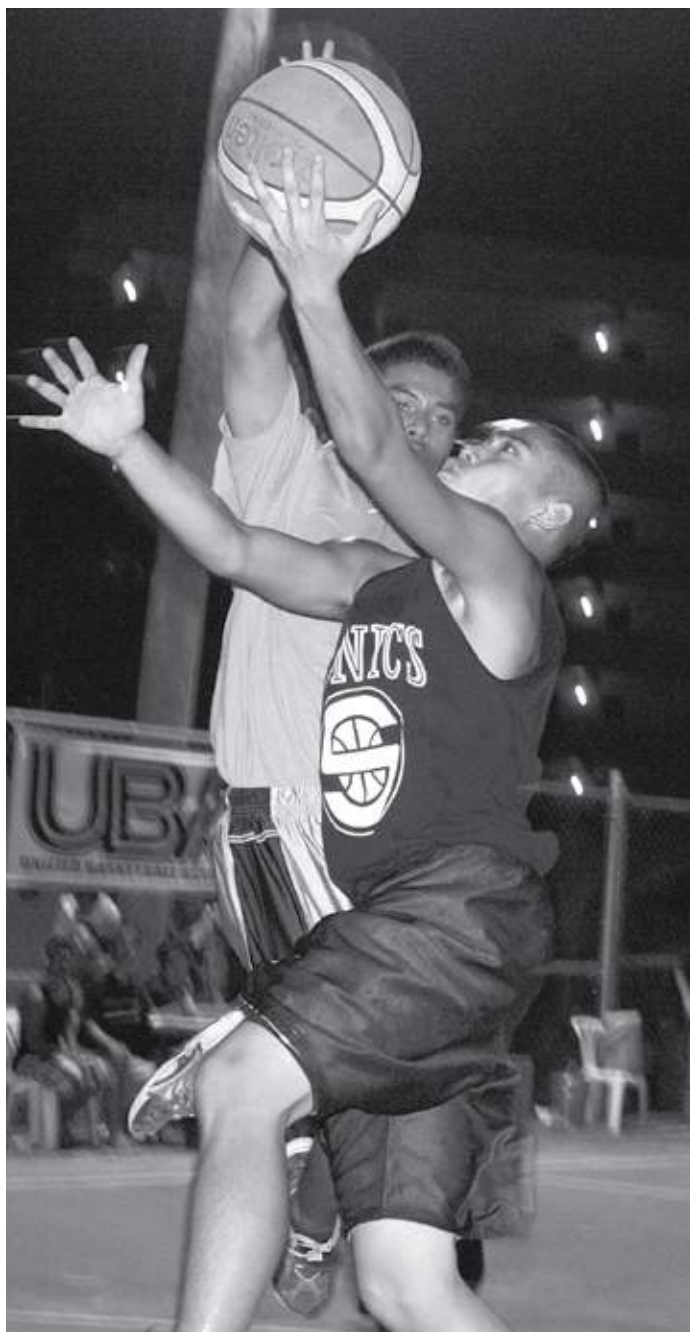
In the second game this Saturday at 7:30pm, the Sparks will challenge Pink's Bunny for the last championship berth in Division III (17-and-under). Rollers automatically advanced to the finals after logging a 3-1 record in the regular season. The Sparks had a 2-2 slate, while Pink Bunny tallied only one win in four games.

Rollers secured the first finals seat following their 74-58 victory over Pink Bunny in the last game in the regular season last Monday.

The championship showdown in all three divisions will be a best-of-three affair.

Game 1 in Divisions I and II will be played on June 24. Game 2 in Division I is set for June 26 at 6pm, while Game 1 in Division II is scheduled on the same day at 7:30pm. Next Saturday, June 27, Game 2 of Division II will be played at 6pm, while Game 2 of Division III is slated at 7:30pm.

Game 3, if necessary, in all divisions is set for July 1. Division I match will be played first at 6pm, followed by Division II at 7:30pm, and Division II at 9pm.



The Sonics' Kevin De Leon is seen here going for a layup against a Lil' Saints defender during their regular season game in Division II of the UBA youth caging early this month at the Garapan Basketball Court.

ROELYN B. MONROYO

RGA June Ace at Kingfisher

The Refaluwasch Golf Association will be holding it June Ace Tournament this Sunday at the Kingfisher Golf Links.

Check-in time is 10am, while tee off is at 11am.

The score to beat is net 71, which John Rebuenog set during the RGA qualifying tournament on June 6 at the Marianas Country Club in Marpi.

The 24-handicapper Rebuenog shot net 71 after firing a 50 and 45 on the front and back nines, respectively, for a gross 95. Asterio Tawanpiy ruled the qualifier with his net 69, but was disqualified from setting the score to beat and taking another Ace title since he had already notched the March Ace crown. As per RGA rules, the second best net is automatically the score to beat in the next tournament.

If no RGA member scores better than Rebuenog's 71 this weekend, he gets to keep the June Ace title and join Tawanpiy and four other early qualifiers in the club championship this December.

For more information about RGA tournaments, contact tournament director Jess Wabol at 288-1129 or Jordon Kosam at 483-4503. ***(PR)***

D-9ERS

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within one, 6-7.

A Mel Sakisat two-run single to the left field put the D-9ers in the lead, 8-7. The D-9ers added two more runs on a stolen base by Sakisat and Ben Mesa's single that drove catcher Robert Bansil home.

When Celis replaced Sablan on the mound, he initiated a double play, picking up a grounder from Emul, throwing to second and then to first to end the D-9ers' rally.

Sakisat completed the come-from-behind win when he made two defensive stops at the bottom of the ninth inning.

With Rock Steady runners on first and second, Sakisat caught a line drive to left field from Robert Camacho and threw to Pat Camacho for the first out. Sakisat had the same defensive play and this time throwing out John Reyes for the second out. Emul wrapped up the game when he picked up Oliver Secharmidal's grounder near second base and threw to first base.

CNMI

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sion. She was tied with the Federated States of Micronesia's Alyssa Hawkins and Abigail Gbewonyo and the CNMI bet ended up in third place. Another CNMI player, Jodel Fernandez, ruled the girls' 18-and-under division, as she went undefeated in six games. Fernandez's victory over Hawkins yesterday, 6-1, 6-3, allowed Minor to force a three-way tie for second. Hawkins was relegated to fourth.

Only the Top 3 placers in each age group are guaranteed spots on the North Pacific Team and only two from the same nation will get tickets to POJC.

Besides Minor and Fernandez, also earning slots on the North Pacific Team are Rafael Jones, Christian Miller, and Melody Johnson in the 14-and-under division. Ji Hoon Heo and Thea Minor automatically gained tickets in the boys' 18-and-under and 14-and-under after making it to the Top 4 in last year's POJC. Heo was runner-up to Vanuatu's Lorenzo Pineda, while Thea finished third.

Jones and Miller claimed POJC tickets as early as last Wednesday when they prevailed in their separate semis game and arranged a title duel in the boys' 14-and-under age group.

Miller won in the finals yesterday, beating Jones in straight sets, 7-6, 6-4. Jake Lee avenged his pool play loss to Cory Morrison of Guam after pulling off a 6-3, 6-2 triumph in the battle for third place. Chris Cajigan also won his consolation game yesterday, thumping Joshua Cepeda of Guam, 7-5, 6-2, to finish fifth overall.

In the girls' 14-and-under finals, Johnson survived Guam's Katie Lai, 6-3, 7-6, while FSM's Shawn Adams downed CNMI's Negahr Rastguiy in the third place game, 6-1, 6-1. Ilia Corella settled for fifth place after thwarting Guam's Ashley Nadler, 6-4, 6-4, while Amy Arenovski and Jeane Bracken also prevailed in their consolation games.

The CNMI lost its chance to get the eighth spot on the North Pacific Team when Benjie Decena bowed to Guam's Martin Lai in the battle for third place, 4-6, 4-6.

"I get to keep my hair for another year," said CNMI coach Jeff Race, who earlier vowed to have his head shaved if his wards get eight slots on the team.

"However, our team still did a great job. We got seven and reached our target. Now, it's time to buckle down to work and prepare for the POJC," Race added.

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spectators instead of competitors in the World Series.

"It's been a long time, so it will be a big challenge for the boys to break the spell and make it to the World Series this year," CNMI Junior All-Stars manager Thelma Mizer.

The World Series ticket will be up for grabs in the 2009 Asia Pacific Regional Tournament, which Jakarta will be hosting from June 23 to 28. The CNMI Junior All-Stars will leave for Indonesia this Saturday afternoon.

The CNMI bets will go up against teams from the defending champion Philippines, two-time champion Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Guam.

The Commonwealth hosted last year's regionals and almost made it to the World Series before the Philippine Junior All-Stars rallied from a two-run deficit late in the game by scoring three runs in the sixth to beat the host, 7-6.

Mizer said her wards are mentally and physically ready for the tough assignment ahead so she is hoping late lapses would not happen, again.

"We've been practicing for about three hours every day, as weather permits. We have a bunch of guys who are in top shape and are used to playing in close and intense games," Mizer said.

The CNMI Junior All-Stars are composed of Christian Mizer, Jeremy and Henry Rabauliman, Lamarc Iguel, Frankie Camacho, Ricardo Dela Cruz, Aldelbert Lizama, Brian Camacho, Alan Aguon, Jared Sablan, Patrick Tenorio, Arthur Jebehn, Poland Masaharu, and Joseph Atalig.

Players from the 2009 SLLB champions (Junior League) Patriots form the core of the Saipan Junior All-Stars, who will be coached by Oliver Secharmidal. Bernard Cabrera is the team's assistant coach.

Most of members of the team have been to the regionals and the World Series during their playing years in the Major League.

"These are players whose basic baseball fundamentals are pretty strong, as they were taught to play the game right at a very young age," Mizer said.

"We have strong hitters and tough pitchers. Our defense is also getting better every day. Overall, we are in great shape and will be ready for any challenges ahead," she added.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	40	25	.615	–
New York	37	28	.569	3
Toronto	36	31	.537	5
Tampa Bay	35	32	.522	6
Baltimore	28	37	.431	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	34	31	.523	–
Minnesota	33	34	.493	2
Chicago	31	34	.477	3
Kansas City	29	35	.453	4 1/2
Cleveland	29	39	.426	6 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	37	27	.578	–
Los Angeles	35	29	.547	2
Seattle	32	33	.492	5 1/2
Oakland	28	36	.438	9

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	36	27	.571	–
New York	33	30	.524	3
Florida	32	35	.478	6
Atlanta	30	34	.469	6 1/2
Washington	17	46	.270	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	37	29	.561	–
St. Louis	36	30	.545	1
Cincinnati	33	31	.516	3
Chicago	30	31	.492	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	31	34	.477	5 1/2
Houston	29	34	.460	6 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	43	23	.652	–
San Francisco	34	31	.523	8 1/2
Colorado	32	33	.492	10 1/2
San Diego	28	36	.438	14
Arizona	28	38	.424	15

Yesterday's Games

Chicago White Sox 4, Chicago Cubs 1
L.A. Angels 4, San Francisco 3
Milwaukee 9, Cleveland 8, 11 innings
Baltimore 6, N.Y. Mets 4
Toronto 7, Philadelphia 1
Washington 3, N.Y. Yankees 2
Cincinnati 4, Atlanta 3
Boston 6, Florida 1
Texas 5, Houston 4, 10 innings
Arizona 12, Kansas City 5
Pittsburgh 8, Minnesota 2
St. Louis 4, Detroit 3
Colorado 5, Tampa Bay 3
Seattle 4, San Diego 3
Oakland 5, L.A. Dodgers 4

By The Associated Press

Mendoza beats Gomez when it mattered most

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Juancho Mendoza bounced back from a semifinal loss to Erwin Gomez to win the Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament last Saturday at the Garapan sports bar and watering hole.

Mendoza got out of the first round after beating Top Pool Bar owner Zheng Jian Qing. He was joined in the second round by Robert Sanciangco (over Chester Cuento), Erwin Gomez (over Victor S. Hocog), Don Antonio (over Chester Hamoy), Roger Espiritu (over Bradley Demapan), Kazuto Kano (bye), Mark Butac (bye), and Luis Fajardo (bye).

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament winner Juancho Mendoza is flanked by runners-up Don Antonio, left, and Erwin Gomez.

In the second round, Mendoza beat Kano, Butac took care of Sanciangco, Erwin defeated Antonio, and Espiritu waylaid Fajardo.

That set up quarterfinal games between Mendoza and Butac and Gomez and Espiritu with Mendoza and Gomez getting the better of the match-ups.

The semis then saw Gomez take advantage of a couple of miscues from Mendoza to take the first finals seat and the all-important twice-to-beat advantage in the championship.

Mendoza first missed a golden opportunity with ball in hand and with only two balls left. Gomez followed that up by running his remaining three balls but scratched on his fourth shot.

With two balls left, Mendoza once again could not connect by missing on the 8-ball. Gomez made the most of his second chance and pocketed his remaining balls, including the 8-ball.

After a series of elimination rounds, Antonio earned a crack at Mendoza but he proved not up to the task.

Antonio missed on a tough 8-ball cut and Mendoza went on to run table to set up a rematch with Gomez.

In Game 1 of the finals, Mendoza completed a tough kick shot on the 8-ball after it was snookered behind Gomez's balls. It worked and it forced a do-or-die second game between the two.

Mendoza continued his sterling play and got to the 8-ball first but unfortunately missed. Gomez had three balls left but could not connect by missing on his last ball. With the 8-ball hanging by the left corner pocket, Mendoza easily pocketed it for the win.

Winning the weekly 8-ball competition earned Mendoza $80, while Gomez and Antonio settled for the $35 and $15 runner-up purses.

The Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament is held every Saturday and adopts a double-elimination format with a maximum of 16 players.

The entrance fee is $10 and the tournament uses the rules of the Billiards Congress of America. Practice is free between 7pm to 8pm on game day.

For more information on the Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament, call Top Pool Bar manager Zheng Jian Qing at 287-7676.

MBI-Fiesta tiff rained-out

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Micronesian Brokers, Inc. and Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan's second round meeting in the Inaugural Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League remained undecided as their game Wednesday night at the JP Center Basketball Court in Garapan was rained-out.

The match was stalled at the 2:43 mark of the fourth quarter with MBI leading at 63-59 and Fiesta's Jon March Ong preparing for two free throws.

MBI was aiming to avenge its 67-80 loss to Fiesta in the first round, while the latter was hoping to complete a game in the second round. Fiesta's second game in the second round of the double-round robin caging was against G4S, but their June 12 tiff was also rained out after the first half was completed.

Fiesta is currently in third place in the team standings with its 4-2 slate, while MBI is at the No. 4 spot with its 2-5 record.

Fiesta led by as much as eight points in the first period, 19-11, with less than two minutes left in the opening quarter before MBI's R.J. Nonato led a 6-0 windup to move within two, 19-17.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Jon March Ong, seen here slipping past two MBI defenders, was preparing to take two free throws when rain halted their game in the Shirley's caging last Wednesday night at the JP Center Basketball Court in Garapan.

Since then, MBI and Fiesta engaged in a close fight with neither team leading by more than seven points.

With Nonato still on fire, MBI had its biggest lead in the second quarter, 28-21. Nonato finished with 11 points in the second canto and MBI ended the first half with a 37-33 advantage.

Edgar Garcia and Ferdie De La Torre drilled five points apiece in the third, and Ferdie Solidum contributed four off the bench to move within one, 51-52, entering the payoff canto.

In the more than seven minutes in the fourth period, Fiesta was held to only three field goals and Ong missed all his four attempts from the foul line, allowing MBI to keep the lead.

Don Sese's 3-point play off Jason Licop's foul and a split from Nonato gave MBI a 63-59 lead. In Fiesta's next offensive set, the burly Ong attacked MBI's defense and drew a foul from Alvin Alvarez.

Ong stepped up to the 15-foot line and was preparing for two free charities when it started to rain. It took a few minutes before the rain stopped and organizers decided to reschedule the game, as the court was already unplayable.

The second game of the night featuring Pacific Trading, Inc. and Shirley's was cancelled, too.

Nonato was leading MBI with 27 points, while Sese and George Barbo has added 17 and 15 markers, respectively.

Dela Torre and Ong were pacing Fiesta with 12 points each. Ong could have scored more if not for his free throw woes. Ong was only 2-for-11 from the foul line.

Fiesta played without Elmer Esdrelon, who sustained a cut near his right eyebrow during a game in the UFO caging last Tuesday.

CNMISA to kick off three leagues

The CNMI Softball Association will kick off three of its leagues next month.

The group said the 2009 Men's Island Wide Fast-Pitch Softball League, Men's Island Wide Slow-Pitch Softball League, and the Master's Modified Co-Ed Slow-Pitch Softball League will start or about July 13.

Entrance fees for the leagues have been pre-set at $800. Due dates for fees and pertinent documents will be announced at a later time.

For more information on the upcoming leagues, contact Liz Palacios at 287-8869, Liz Lebria at 287-5860, or John Maratita at 322-5483. ***(PR)***

Fil-Taga June Ace set this Sunday

The Fil-Taga Golfers Association will hold its June Ace of the Month Tournament this Sunday, June 21, at the Marianas Golf and Country Club in Marpi.

According to tournament director Ted Malaran, show time is set at 11am with tee-off time scheduled 30 minutes later at 11:30am.

Established in 1993, Fil-Taga's tournaments operate under a computer-controlled handicap system that creates parity among players in the A and B Flights.

A Fil-Taga Ace of the Month champion is crowned monthly. Regular tournaments are scheduled once a month, normally every third Sunday. Green fees are in the $35 to $40 price range for most tournaments.

Its 2008-2009 set of officers are led by president Mike Cruz, vice president Jhun Calma, secretary Manny Po, treasurer Arnaldo Guban, and board of directors Fr. Manny Corcuera , Jhun Dela Cruz, Ted Malaran, Gil Faller, Rey Ferraz, Greg De Torres, Rene Batalliones, Nestor Siruelo, and George Sablan. ***(PR)***

Tinian Trail Run on June 27

Tinian's pride Joshua Manglona will be hosting a fundraiser for his participation in the 2009 XTERRA World Championships in Maui, Hawaii.

Dubbed the Tinian Trail Run, the competition will be a 5-kilometer run that will start and end at the Taga Beach parking lot.

Manglona said the event is a trail run through rugged trails in Carolinas Heights.

"Participants are encouraged to wear long-sleeved running gear in case of allergies to the sword grass. Trail shoes are also recommended. Tinian hospital staff will be on hand in case of allergies from the sword grass," he said.

Registration for the race will start bright and early at 7am on Saturday. The evening before on June 26, Manglona will treat participants to a carbo-load party beginning at 6:30pm.

"The trail run is for the youth and the community in general to do something fun and healthy. It's also a fundraiser for my upcoming trip to the XTERRA World Championships on October," said Manglona.

Cost to participate in the fundraiser is $10, which includes pass to the carbo-load party, race day entry, and a chance to win a Top 5 male and female finishers T-shirt.

A portion of those proceeds will also go toward Tinian Athletics Sports Association's general funds. TASA is sanctioning the event.

Manglona said the Tinian Trail Run is supported by Rep. Edwin P. Aldan, Tinian Mayor's Office for their support, Marianas Visitors Authority, Department of Public Safety, the Tinian Health Center staff.

"Most of all, I want to thank the people of Tinian for always supporting these events," he said.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Joshua Manglona run along a route with a view of Aguiguan Island. The XTERRA World Championship-bound triathlete will host the Tinian Trail Run tomorrow starting at Taga Beach.

Manglona will take part in the XTERRA World Championship set for Oct. 25 in Makena, Maui, Hawaii.

For more information about the Tinian Trail Run, call Manglona at 788-5934. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Mendoza beats Gomez when it mattered most

Juancho Mendoza bounced back from a semifinal loss to Erwin Gomez to win the Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament last Saturday at the Garapan sports bar and watering hole. 39

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Sports

Fans flood Lakers party drenched in purple, gold

The streets of downtown were transformed into a sea of purple and gold on Wednesday as tens of thousands of joyous Los Angeles Lakers fans joined their team. 36

D-9ers force rubber match

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Mother Nature cooperated with the D-9ers, who pulled off a 10-7 victory over Rock Steady in the rain-free Game 2 of their semifinal series in the 2009 Budweiser Saipan Major League Baseball last Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Game 1 was rained out and Rock Steady was awarded the win, as it led, 16-10, when the game was halted at the bottom of the seventh inning. The D-9ers had a rally in the seventh inning when the game was stopped.

In Game 2, the D-9ers got the needed breaks to send the series to a deciding Game 3, which will be played on Monday.

The D-9ers trailed after eight complete innings, 5-7, as Rock Steady had a three-run top of the eight. First baseman Byron Kaipat had a one-run double, John Reyes hit a one-run single and later reached home plate on a D-9ers' error at centerfield.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

D-9ers' Tim Mafnas gestures to catcher Robert Bansil before delivering a pitch at the top of the fifth inning of Game 2 of their semis series against Rock Steady in the 2009 Budweiser Saipan Major League Baseball last Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

At the top of the ninth inning, shortstop Wally Emul led off for the D-9ers and was struck out by starting pitcher Vince Sablan, as the former came out with three empty swings.

However, after striking out Emul, Sablan allowed two hits and walked two before he was replaced by Toi Celis.

Down by two, a lucky Jeff Tenorio started the D-9ers' rally.

Jeff batted fourth with designated hitter Jonathan Tenorio on second base and leftfielder Bob Lizama on first. After two balls and one strike, Jeff went for a bunt and hit his target. However, before the ball dropped and he was able to run to first base, it hit his right leg.

Rock Steady contended Jeff should be thrown out, but chief umpire Highness Asanuma said Jeff was still at the batter's box when the ball hit the D-9ers centerfielder thus the call should be a foul ball.

In his next at bat, Jeff singled and drove Jonathan home to move D-9ers

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CNMI junior netters hit target

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The CNMI Junior Tennis Team delivered as promise, securing seven tickets to the 2009 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships at the conclusion of the singles events in the 2009 North Pacific Qualifying Tournament yesterday at the Rick Ninete Tennis Center in Guam.

Theecel Minor gave the CNMI the seventh spot on the North Pacific Team that will participate in the POJC in Fiji in August.

Minor swept her last two games last Wednesday to finish with a 4-2 record in the round-robin girls' 18-and-under divi-

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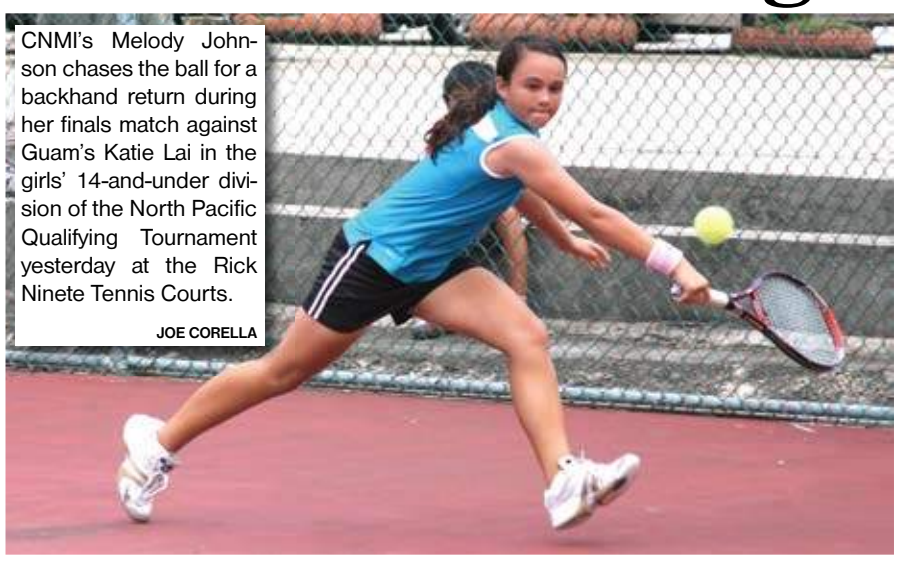

CNMI's Melody Johnson chases the ball for a backhand return during her finals match against Guam's Katie Lai in the girls' 14-and-under division of the North Pacific Qualifying Tournament yesterday at the Rick Ninete Tennis Courts.

JOE CORELLA

Junior All-Stars look to end 3-year World Series drought

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It's been a while since the Commonwealth's youth sluggers had set foot in Taylor, Michigan for the World Series and the CNMI Junior All-Stars hope to end the long drought next week.

The last time the CNMI went to the World Series in the Junior League was in 2005. Actually, the Commonwealth competed in Michigan for five straight years (2001-2005) before a team from Jakarta, Indonesia ended the CNMI's run in 2006. For three years, the CNMI turned into

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The then Saipan Junior All-Stars pose for a group photo before the 2009 CNMI District Tournament at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield early this month.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

OFF THE BENCH

By BOB COLDEEN
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Ring of Honor

Saipan is a Laker town.

Kobe Bryant could be elected mayor if he wanted to run. However, the salary may be a little low for him.

The Lakers' #24 is the most seen sports jersey on the island, according to my unscientific eyes.

Based on the droves who talk to me about sports, I would say the most popular sport on television here is the NBA and their championship is a bigger deal for more of us than the NFL Super Bowl. Among the youth, the preference for hoops over the gridiron is overwhelming.

Televised basketball makes stars like Kobe, LeBron, Dwyane Wade, and Superman (Dwight Howard, not Christopher Reeve) spectacularly close and personal, while football doesn't have anybody like that. Sorry, Tom Brady Fan. Baseball used to have Alex Rodriguez but the shine has worn off.

Fortunately, Saipan Fan got to see most of the NBA Finals on ABC-7 live and all of them on ESPN replay. Unbelievably, dozens of those fans called MCV to complain about not getting Game 1. That's like calling the Division of Youth Services and complaining about your road. I mean, you can do it but you cannot accomplish anything except waste time.

MCV has nothing to do with ABC-7 except to carry the signal provided to them.

What I don't understand is why it took them so long to realize they needed to fix the problem to show the games. Saipan Fan missed so many ABC games this season, such as Lakers vs. Nuggets Game 3. It's not like the NBA Finals suddenly popped up unexpectedly. Was it like, "Oh, wow, we gotta show the Finals?"

But then again, I'm always amazed and amused by general unawareness of TV biz.

Weeks ago, I answered the phone in the studio, "Hello, KSPN 2."

An elected official on Capitol Hill asked, "Oh, is this KMCV 7 News?"

"No," I replied, "KMCV 7 went out of business in 2006. This is KSPN 2. We've been doing the news for the past two and half years."

"Oh."

It should be no surprise that the Lakers won the Larry O'Brien trophy this season. Even if Courtney Lee had made that layup in Game 3 and if someone had fouled Derek Fisher or at least defended him against a 3-point shot in Game 4, giving the Magic a 3-1 lead, I believe the Lakers would have won Game 5 in Orlando, they proved they could do that, and then sweep the final two games in the Staples Center.

Staple the Magic shut. Lakers are not fakers.

Phil Jackson established with no serious argument that he is the greatest coach in NBA history with 10 titles in 18 seasons. Kobe Bryant looked Michael Jordanish and actually put up better stats than His Highness. The Lakers look like the team to be reckoned with next season and beyond.

The celebration on the Magic court (we have another Magic Johnson connection!) was poignant. Prominently displayed were Kobe, his two daughters, and his wife as if it was a coming out party for Kobe, and in many ways it was.

He's come a long way. Five years ago he was facing rape charges and a major hit to his popularity. Two years ago he was talking about a trade. Now he's a dynasty in la-la land.

All the players get fabulously unique NBA championship rings. Jackson gets his unprecedented 10th ring. Kobe gets his fourth. As great as those rings are, they are nothing compared to the ring Kobe got his wife three days after prosecutors announced he would be charged for what happened in a Denver hotel room. Kobe's wife got a $4-million purple diamond ring.

Let's call each of these rings, Ring of Honor. All is well now in la-la land.